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ORDER



WHAT comfort, what strength, what economy there is in order, material order, intellectual order, moral order. To know where one is going and what one wishes—this is order; to keep one's word, and one's engagements—again order; to have everything ready under one's hands, to be able to dispose of all one's forces, and to have all one's means of whatever kind under command—still order; to discipline one's habits, one's efforts, one's wishes; to organize one's life, to distribute one's time, to take the measure of one's duties and make one's rights respected; to employ one's capital and resources, one's talents and one's chances profitably—all this belongs to and is included in the word “order.” Order means light and peace, inward liberty and free command over one's self; order is power. *Æsthetic* and moral beauty consist, the first in true perception of order, and the second in submission to it, and in the realization of it, by, in, and around one's self. Order is man's greatest need and his true well-being.

Amiel, *Journal intime*

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STANDARDS IN CHAPTER HOUSES

DOES the casual ringer of your chapter house door bell have his questions answered, his package delivery signed for, his sales talk refused, in such a way that he turns from the door with a warm glow of pleasure because of the kindly courtesy with which even "no" was said?

Does the caller upon your chaperon, the girl who comes to study, or visit, with some one Theta, the "date" who must wait for his lady, receive at the chapter house door a friendly greeting, have a pleasant waiting period until desired friend appears, get the impression that this is a house of good breeding, of gracious-mannered, friendly girls?

Does the alumna coming to the house for a brief friendly call, or for a more prolonged visit, receive a sisterly welcome and an enthusiastic induction into the fraternity interest of the moment that will make her once more feel at home in the chapter house?

Does the father and mother who come to the chapter house to see where and how daughter lives—or perchance to decide if the house is where they are willing daughter shall live when dormitory residence is no longer required of her—find the cultured atmosphere, the friendliness, the physical order and comfort that daughter's glowing enthusiasm for fraternity has led them to expect?

Does the organization that has been accorded the privilege of meeting at your chapter house remember your house as one of sincere welcome and pleasant meeting, where its members felt wanted and where they will want to come again?

Does *every* guest at *every* social function in your chapter house leave with a memory of a good time, having met the members, talked with their guests, and experienced no moment of stranded, wall-flower embarrassment?

Is it comparatively easy for your house manager to secure and

retain efficient helpers, because members treat those who serve them as friendly human beings, and evince a tactful interest and understanding for the student who serves to help pay his way through college?

Does your chaperon find her days made pleasant by the thoughtfulness and the courtesy of *every* Theta in the chapter house?

Do the girls who live in your chapter house find it a happy orderly home, the best possible substitute for their own far away homes; an influence encouraging fine scholarship, cultured conduct, good habits, wholesome health, happy times?

Unless the answer to each of these questions (and many similar questions) is a positive, sure affirmative, your chapter house is not living up to Kappa Alpha Theta ideals.

Recently in connection with a study of housing conditions, two of us were being shown—by previous appointments made by the Dean—through various chapter houses in a great university's city.

At one house an unkempt colored maid in a soiled apron opened the door after our second ring, and asked us to "wait a minute and I'll get the boss." She left us standing at the open door though 'twas early spring, so, in deference to the coal bill, we invited ourselves in, shut the door and found ourselves seats on a hall window bench. The maid's minute became twenty before the chaperon, perfectly groomed (did the twenty minutes accomplish this?), appeared, greeted us with the remark: "Dean _____ sent you to look at the house. Well, come this way."

Coming this way, we passed through delightfully attractive living-rooms, beautifully furnished and cared for, back into a dining-room, minus carpet, curtains, pictures; its only furniture two long tables covered with soiled table cloths and a miscellaneous collection of cheap, ugly chairs. One of the chaperon's few voluntary speeches on the tour was, "When the girls have guests they are served in the sun parlor, which is more attractive than the dining-room." The kitchen and pantries were too small, hopelessly inconvenient for the help, and would not pass inspection by a health department. "My suite is there," said the chaperon, with a gesture. But she did not open the door. Was it to protect her privacy, or to conceal its character, or its order?

"On the upper floors are eighteen bedrooms, three baths, and a sleeping porch, but the rooms haven't been done yet today." (It was then 3 p. m.) We took this to be a refusal to show the upper floors, as the chaperon while speaking led the way to the

hall door, where all the graciousness of the farewell was upon our part, even though we felt like base intruders, had not even been asked to sit down, had had no conversation with the chaperon that she could sidestep, had seen no member of the chapter though repeated ringings of a telephone bell, followed by loud calls for "Mary," "Betty," "Jane," "Phone," indicated at least several of them were at home.

To us that house was all "Front," but even such "Front" fell down because it had overlooked maid and chaperon.

"Shall we go further?" one said as we reached the street. "Yes," reluctantly replied the other, "for on our report may depend the type of dormitory and chapter houses on _____ campus." So on we went.

We'd scarcely taken a finger from the bell button at the next house, when the door opened, a charming young girl held out her hand, remarking—"You are _____ and _____ who Dean _____ said were interested in seeing chapter houses. I'm Grace Brown. Come in, welcome to the _____ house."

In we went, were asked to take off our heavy coats, come sit by the living-room fire for a little visit before "touring the house." In a minute the chaperon appeared (a less gorgeous vision than the first one, but obviously a lady of intelligence and kindliness) was introduced and joined the group around the fire-place. A few other girls came in, were introduced, lingered for a friendly word, then went about their affairs. The girl who had greeted us at the door, presently said—"Clara, our president, will be so sorry to miss you, but she had lab this afternoon, so I am her proxy."

Then we saw the house. Every room on the first floor was immaculately clean, in fine taste, though the living-rooms were far less elegant in design and furnishings than those of the first house seen. The dining-room was inviting in its simple but attractive equipment. The kitchen had been planned carefully and was well equipped.

The chaperon apologized for the confusion in her suite (incidentally the *best* furnished, *best* situated rooms in the house) as she "had been sewing." But to us it was only comfortably disturbed by the evidence of living.

Every room upstairs had study desks, with good study lights, as well as dressing tables and mirrors. Every bed was made; every room clean and in order, not the order of hasty "straightening up" when news of guests was rumored, but the order of self-respecting habits. Bath rooms were numerous, each bowl,

stool, and tub in its own privately partitioned off apartment, all clean and fresh. There was a sleeping porch—also in order—and an attractive end-of-the-hall study “where one may work late at night if one’s roommate wants to sleep,” said the chaperon.

At every closed door one of our guides knocked, received a welcome, and as we entered the occupant came forward, greeted the guests, then displayed the special attractions of *her* room.

All during the tour, our guides, Grace Brown and the chaperon, had chatted pleasantly of many things, seemed glad to answer our questions. Coming down stairs, we were introduced to other members who had just come home, and, yes, actually introduced to two “dates” waiting for girls. (One of these “dates” eagerly insisted we “come over and look *our* house over, we’ve some things that beat what the girls have.”) Invited to again enjoy their fireside, we reluctantly refused, as we were already due at the next appointment, and said our farewells, this time most sincerely grateful for a pleasant experience.

“Six more to go,” said one, after a hasty glimpse at a card as we walked along. “Will the next one be like _____ or like _____?” asked the other. “I’ll bet neither way,” said the first, “for one was too bad to have a double, and the other too good to be true twice.” The rest of the afternoon proved the truth of her surmise, for as we visited one house after another, we found both good points and bad ones, but never quite so complete a group of either class as the first two houses had displayed.

There was the house where the delightful chaperon alone appeared, and actually showed us the untidy, empty (unless the closets were occupied, as we suspected) rooms of her girls, with beds unmade, clothes and powder strewn everywhere. “Because,” as she explained, “I’m trying to teach these girls to keep a real home and perhaps shame at the display of their shortcomings may help along. This is my first year with them.” We wondered if it would be her last! How did she have the courage to stay?

In one house we were conducted upstairs first and then to tour the dining-room and kitchen, being reluctantly, seemingly, allowed to depart without seeing the living-rooms “because three girls have dates in the three lovely rooms, living-room, sun parlor, and library.” We are still wondering what would happen if more than three dates ever came simultaneously to that house.

There was the plain, obviously ill-adapted-to-fraternity-needs house, which was so shiningly clean, was furnished in such good

taste, though meagerly as compared with other houses we had seen. Still each above-stairs room had study desks, even though some lacked dressing tables. The courtesy and friendliness of this house were a delight, and the chaperon told us "my girls are trying to make this difficult house a home, so they can properly grace an adequate house when they can afford to build."

Then there was another equally ill-adapted home, that was ill kept, carelessly regarded by its occupants, where the very atmosphere cried "what's the use" and where our guide told us, "until we get a proper house we can't have a real home!"

And finally there was the house where the chaperon opened the door when we rang. A dear, delightful gray-haired mother, she was, who welcomed us as heartily and graciously as Grace Brown had. She showed us over the house, regretting that all her family of twenty-four had gone to a W.S.G.A. meeting, and that some of them were a "bit careless" as to how they kept their clothes and shoes stored away. A real Mother she, and this a finely planned house with well equipped study rooms, twelve of them, and six sleeping porches, "one for each four girls." She insisted we must stop by her fire for a cup of tea. As we lingered over this friendly courtesy, the girls came home, greeted us graciously, served each other tea. And as we departed, they stood in a group at the door speeding the parting guests with good wishes and friendly interest.

We dined that night at a dormitory, where we had to tell our hostess we wished to meet the dormitory chaperon, where the other girls at the table where we ate were oblivious of the presence of guests. The whole atmosphere was that of a second rate hotel where people stayed because they had to have a place to sleep and eat three meals a day.

The next day we had lunch at another dormitory, where a guest was a guest. Here much thought and effort were being expended in an attempt to make a barn-like institution into a semblance of a home, in training girls to an appreciation of their obligations to the house, to one another, to the casual stranger in their midst, to the world at large.

These dormitory visits proved that at that university, as usually happens, the fraternity houses merely reflected the general campus manners; that all kinds of young folks found their way to this college: and alas, often found their way through to Commencement without acquiring the graces of life which so embellish and enhance the powers of a brilliant mind.

The problem of training a large student body in the amenities

of life probably is beyond solution. But—the problem of training in such amenities the small number who live in one chapter house in any one year, is not beyond solution. In fact every fraternity house that has not solved that problem is failing to live up to its opportunities and its obligations; has its work already laid out before it.

That is why this story began with pertinent questions. That is why it is ending with a plea to every Theta living in a chapter house, to every Theta alumna living near a Theta chapter house, to every Theta fraternity officer, to every Theta house chaperon, to take stock of conditions under which Theta chapters are living; to inventory the good points and the bad of the *way* these chapter houses are functioning; to inspect their health, habit, and comfort standards; to unite in a campaign that shall end in a hearty affirmative answer to every question with which this story opened.

To send forth girls well-groomed in person, with the self-respect to live only in clean and orderly quarters, poised as individuals, gracious as hostesses, charming socially, is a worthy chapter house goal. Without such accomplishments the acquirement of knowledge is but a husk for success as woman or as bread winner. How much nearer this goal will Kappa Alpha Theta be next June?

THE CHAPTER HOUSE DOORBELL

If your guest is a national officer, all should be ready with a welcome which honors her but does not set her apart.

If your guest is a mother or father, show more than a respect for their age so they will see how really nice are the much discussed co-eds.

If your guest is an alumna, receive her with joy and tell her all the news while you open up your box of candy.

If your guest is a poor little awkward freshman, take her upstairs and tell her something funny while she sits on your well made bed.

If your guest—Oh, well, if she's a cat get her a dish of cream.

Σ Σ Σ *Triangle*

CHAPTER FINANCE

THE fall of the year, with the opening of college, is surely an excellent time to stop and take stock of our financial situation and discover our methods of procedure for the coming year.

This is the day of exactness, of definiteness, and precision. No longer do we collect our money and pay bills hit or miss until the money is gone, and then tax ourselves for the remainder. Instead, we estimate what our expenses are going to be, using the past few years' experiences as references. Then we estimate our income, being sure that this amount is in excess of the expense. This budgeting is not left to a single person, but to a committee representing each class who have been gradually trained, and it is supervised by the financial member of the Advisory board.

It has taken several years to get this Busey system in running order, due in a large degree to the general idea that all systems and all figures are complicated, and to a false alumnae idea that no chapter is capable of managing finances. If the Grand treasurer and the District presidents had only the college chapters to convince of the advisability of the Busey system, they would face a much simpler situation, but they have this alumnae idea to overcome as well.

There is nothing highly complicated about the Busey system. It is merely a logical summing up of expected expense with an income sufficient to cover it. There is, besides, a monthly check of income and expense which is sent to the District president for comment and correction, who in turn reports each month to the Grand treasurer on the state of finances in each chapter in her district.

Never before have chapter finances in general been in such good condition. By the annual reports last spring all but a few chapters will start this fall with a cash surplus. In my estimation, this is due to the fact that each month stock of the situation is taken, and, if it is found that a chapter is running behind in any way, the trouble is located and corrected before any great damage arises.

It is most important that the chapter treasurer be a person who is not frightened at the sight of figures—that she be elected because of a methodical tendency rather than because she might need the small sum of money offered by some chapters in payment of her work. That again opens a question for discussion.

Why should the chapter treasurer be paid? To be sure, she does a great deal of paper work, but does she do more than the chapter president? Shouldn't she be willing to give what ability she may have to the chapter without remuneration?

If anyone is dubious about the success of this method of financing it would be much more satisfactory to present these criticisms directly to the Grand treasurer, who, perhaps, can explain them, rather than to upset a local college chapter which is trying to live up to the fraternity decision to use the Busey system as its uniform method of financing.

JEANNETTE GEMMILL GRASSETT

RUSH AS A RUSHEE SAW IT

MY FAMILY and all my relations are considerably fraternized—mother is a ——, father a ——. Naturally I had heard lots about rush and I could hardly wait to get on the train and get off at ————— last September.

Despite all parental admonitions, advice of well-meaning friends, and various other suggestions, I was precipitated into rush week like the most inexperienced freshman, so ignorant was I of what it was all about.

My first day I was surprised and quite flattered to fill out a couple of sheets of note paper with dates—every kind you can imagine, and I felt like a stuffed one! I didn't seem to be the one especially favored however; all my friends exhibited similar sheets. Evidently, then, the thing to do was to get all the dates possible, and then split those two or three times. It's quite exciting to have lots of them. I wouldn't change it for anything. But I think they do lots of harm to some poor freshmen who see a little of many fraternities and see not much of any one.

After the first day, rush began in earnest. I was hustled from house to house; from car to car; from one squeezing, outstretched hand to another equally emphatic, pumping palm. There were ears of every brand, each with its gayly-dressed group of girls. Every one talked. Every one laughed. Every one sang fraternity songs extolling the relative merits of "dear old ——," all of them reeking with such sentimental phrases as "we'll e'er be true," "Dear old —— leads them all," "and when we've wandered far away." Oh, yes, and each little group of girls would smile meaningly at you when something was sung about pledging, or skillfully suggest coming in the bonds without the aid of music. Some didn't even employ suggestion—just told you! Oh, it was quite thrilling!

There were teas, parties, dances, and even a dinner. I began to classify the different fraternities in little pigeon-holes in my mind. I must confess I showed a remarkable lack of stability those days. When I was with the _____ I thought them charming but a bit cool. When I was whisked off in a long gray and red _____ car, amid much banter and catchy phrases, the _____ became even cold (in my mind) and I was completely for the collegiate co-eds. The same thing happened when I changed from _____ to _____; and from _____ to _____. You see, I was hopelessly a freshman.

I went through all the experiences of rush; missing notes and cards that had been left on my desk; enduring the fidgety conversation of fraternity girls "sitting each other out" on my bed; skipping most of my meals (with a gratifying loss in surplus avoirdupois); and losing much sleep, due to consecutive sessions after ten o'clock with groups of other excited, undecided freshmen.

By Friday morning I had irrevocably crossed one name off the list. The tears that had seemed so touching at first were beginning to pall, and I never expected to become a successful water-baby anyway. By this time I had gained a little mental stability—at least enough to reflect a bit, and to plumb to the secret subconscious self that all along knew I would be nothing but a Theta. So, I told all the girls my decision, and, though they all acted as though I were taking a step which I and they would regret to death in not pinning their "dear old _____," they all seem perfectly Hale and hearty today.

Why did I decide that, after all, I was best suited for "picking pansies." In the first place, with my mother a Theta, four aunts, a dozen cousins, and innumerable friends wearing kites, I had a rather well-planned Theta background. However, this didn't have half as much to do with my pledging as the girls themselves did. Their rushing impressed me as being neither affected nor stagey. It was cordial and sincere. They did not weep copiously (thank the constellation!). Then, too, Theta offered me the ideals and standards of a powerful campus and national background—ideals whose influence extend far beyond the limits of four years at college. Then the Thetas didn't run to type as some of the others did. They had every sort of girl—girls I felt I would be happy with in any mood, and to whom I could go no matter what whim presented itself. I knew deep in my heart that I only could be genuinely contented wearing Theta colors. I still feel that way. I have never experienced a moment's regret.

ACHIEVEMENTS

1926-1927

IN APRIL each chapter, college and alumnae, was asked to review the year's work and play, then have the chapter editor report to the editor-in-chief by July 1 the outstanding achievement of 1926-27.

To readers is left the decision as to whether 38 college and 41 alumnae chapters achieved nothing last year; or, whether 38 college and 41 alumnae chapters are too modest to proclaim their achievements; or, whether 38 college and 41 alumnae chapters have negligent editors; or, whether 38 college and 41 alumnae chapters themselves are indifferent toward *Bimonthly* calls for coöperation.

At any rate, their silence has made it possible to include more than one achievement of chapters who couldn't choose easily between several outstanding achievements.

Gamma

The triumph in which every member of Gamma shared was the winning of the scholarship cup awarded by Panhellenic for the highest chapter average. Theta's average was 82.979, and the average of her closest contestant, Alpha Delta Theta, was 82.511. This award, with the winning of the Women's league freshman scholarship cup by Evelyn Seward, and the winning of the senior scholarship tuition award by Jane Ogborn, gave Theta a monopoly on scholarship honors.

The greatest individual honor possible for a Butler woman, election as president of Women's league, was won by Mary Lee Orloff. A great honor to come to Butler this year was the winning of first place in the national biennial Student artists contest at Chicago, by Ocie Higgins, dramatic soprano, junior, Theta.

Delta

Delta is proudest of the accomplishments of one member, Helen Oldfather, Theta daughter. Helen has been active on campus, outstanding in scholarship, invaluable as a worker in the chapter. She won the Gold seal, greatest athletic award at Illinois; graduated with honors in geology; was elected both to Mortar board and Phi Beta Kappa.

Iota

The election of Katherine MacLeod as president of W.S.G.A. for 1927-28, perhaps was the most outstanding fact in chapter history the past year—the first time in many years that Theta has held that office.

Kappa

An outstanding achievement was the winning of the cup awarded to the house having the most unique and original decorations at Home-coming.

Lambda

During the first semester Lambda rose to first place in scholarship. Of the eleven seniors elected to Phi Beta Kappa, three were Thetas.

Sigma

What was outstanding in Sigma's year can scarcely be classed under achievement, and what things she did achieve were of the unobtrusive sort which provoke no great notice.

There is the scholarship cup, which Pi Beta Phi alumnae presented. But one remembers sadly that Sigma earned it by the success of last year's chapter. True it was the achievement of this year's Scholarship committee to prove by a multiplicity of figures that the cup was ours.

But for some material accomplishment of the chapter as a whole, we are limited to—the acquisition of a coal-scuttle—shall I say? Or is the acquisition an achievement? And, if so, who but freshies realize how outstanding it may be?

Psi

Playing hostess for the joint convention of Districts II and X was a high point in the year's endeavors.

Alpha Beta

Alpha Beta was hostess in March to the joint convention of Districts IV and VII. Her alumnae have raised the funds to erect a Theta lodge on campus.

One of Swarthmore's oldest traditions was broken when Mary Sullivan was elected editor-in-chief of the *Swarthmore Phoenix*, the first woman to hold that office in the forty-seven years of the paper's history.

Alpha Rho

The outstanding member of Alpha Rho is Eva Leslie. During junior year she was chosen the most popular girl in college. During senior year she was made honorary colonel of the university R.O.T.C. unit, one of the two highest honors which can be paid to a woman at the University of South Dakota. Also in her senior year, she had the lead in two dramatic productions; was president of Keystone (petitioner to Mortar board); was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Alpha Sigma

On Washington State campus there are fifty-two fields of activity for women. In twenty-five of these, Thetas worked in 1926 and 1927, winning a total of forty-one memberships or awards. In six of these organizations Thetas presided as presidents, namely in Y.W.C.A., Mortar board, Freshman commission, Sophomore commission, Gamma Beta, Spurs. One Theta was the official delegate to Mortar board convention in St. Louis; another, to the W.S.G.A. convention at Champaign, Illinois. A Theta was "Big Chief," highest woman official for Campus day, and May Queen, which honor is given the most popular senior girl.

Alpha Upsilon

The chapter holds its record in scholastic activities foremost in the year's accomplishments. Theta's ranking this year showed a marked increase over that of last year, up to second place among fraternity groups, falling 1.7 points below the Washburn chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota. Incidentally the pledges initiated in March made a higher average of grades than any group of pledges in five years. Strict study hall hours for all pledges, and all lagging members too; the reading of grade reports at chapter meetings; and enforcement of the honor system—were methods by which scholarship was improved.

Alpha Chi

Mary Margaret Kern was given the Flora Roberts Medal at Commencement. This was the first award of the Flora Roberts Medal designated by its donor to be presented annually to Purdue's best all-round woman senior. The award is based on a review of a girl's entire four years at college, with her scholastic record, her campus activities, her ability to gain results in office, her personality, dress, behavior, popularity, and promise of fu-

ture achievement, factors considered in choosing this best all-round senior.

Alpha Psi

The outstanding member of this chapter during 1926-27 was Mary Reeve, senior: member of Mortar board; chosen one of Lawrence college's four best loved girls; attendant to May Queen; president of Y.W.C.A.; member of Student Senate.

Beta Beta

A foremost achievement of Beta Beta has been success in handling pledges. Because of Randolph-Macon's peculiar rushing system, Theta's fifteen "promises" were not pledged until February, after which Frances Walling, in charge of them, has conducted pledge meetings modeled on the one demonstrated at convention. These pledges are enthusiastic, interested in everything connected with the fraternity, and have been faithful workers. Their scholarship has been unusually good, also.

Beta Eta

Student government, the organization under whose direction everything else on campus comes, was headed by a Theta. Helen Pennypacker as president instituted new customs as well as bringing the organization up to date and putting it in touch with similar organizations in other colleges.

Beta Kappa

The outstanding achievement is winning the scholarship cup for the third consecutive time, the longest time any group has ever held it. Beta Kappa's ambition is to hold it six consecutive semesters, when it will be hers to keep permanently.

Beta Mu

Beta Mu could wish for no finer record to broadcast than that of Florence Billinghurst. A talented pianist, she is known as one of the finest musicians ever at Nevada. Florence won the Gold Medal, given in recognition of holding the highest scholastic record of any member of her class during four years. She won the senior Service scholarship, awarded each year to the senior deemed by an impartial committee to be the senior who has given most to the campus in leadership and service during his college career.

Burlington

One outstanding accomplishment this year—a firm and helpful hand in raising the scholarship standing of Lambda from a mediocre position to that of first place among the women's fraternities at the University of Vermont. I say "we" did it, but as a matter of fact, a limited number of us were involved, and those few did a vast amount of work and gave unlimited time, and of them and of their results, and of the splendid active girls who rose to the occasion so nobly, we are proud.

Dallas

For the first time Dallas alumnae ventured into the field of money making—a bridge tournament and a rummage sale—both proving profitable ventures. We do so enjoy our work and companionship in Theta.

Evanston

Tau's new house, to be occupied in September, 1927, has been our chief concern. The furnishing of the house, the scheme of decorations, etc. have all been our responsibility. Many have worked hard, all have been enthusiastic, and the result will be a house complete in every detail—a simple and stately home.

New York

The outstanding achievement this year is the sale of Theta's quota of preferred Panhellenic club house stock. The quota was large and the job not an easy one, so we are all happy now that the task is completed successfully.

Pasadena

If Pasadena alumnae chapter were asked to tell what one person stands out most clearly in the short but vital history of this group, with one accord the response would be, "Helen Parker Finch." It was she who, coming to Pasadena three years ago a comparative stranger, suggested to resident Thetas the idea of applying for a charter. And it was because of her enthusiasm that preliminary steps were taken; it was because of her direct experience in chapter installations at New Orleans and Cincinnati, and her knowledge of fraternity policies that necessary arrangements were made; it was because of her untiring effort that many Thetas were gathered together from a rather large and scattered community around Pasadena for the first meeting; and it was she whose tact, whose cordiality, whose frank friend-

liness made possible those delightful get-together meetings before installation. And it is characteristic of Helen Finch that she modestly disclaims all credit for the rather well-organized and congenial and effective chapter which has evolved.

Philadelphia

The chief visible accomplishments during 1926-27 have been two. We sold about forty shares of stock in the new Panhellenic club house in New York City, thus helping the New York Thetas reach their quota. In February we had a card party for the Scholarship fund which netted \$125.

St Louis

Our pledge of \$5,000 to the new Women's building at Washington university is an outstanding achievement of the year. Thus is solved Alpha Iota's housing problems, as the pledge entitles the college chapter to meeting rooms in the lovely \$265,000 building which will be completed by the spring of 1928.

The Philanthropy committee has superintended the making of five dozen garments for the Visiting Nurse's association; the Christmas meeting saw collected dozens of cans of fruit and vegetables for city charities; the sale of Christmas cards netted \$370.

San Francisco

The year in San Francisco alumnae was taken up with details of organization. One must have been to San Francisco to realize the puzzles of the around-the-bay district. There is no lack of numbers or loyalty—the difficulties are topographical. It looks so simple on the map—just a thread of blue and the yellow land spaces so near together, but how to get across the bay and back in time to put the baby to bed—there's the rub. The separate chapter was the solution and to accomplish that was the year's work.

CHAPTER HOUSE ACHIEVEMENTS 1926-27

WHILE much that follows concerns chapter houses in progress, still all rightly can be included here, as the agitation, the planning for, as well as the actual beginnings of most of these houses began last year, or far back of last year in some cases.

From dormitory living to a beautiful, complete home of its own, steps Tau this September, in company with the other

women's fraternities at Northwestern. The enthusiasm and constructive help Tau alumnae have given this project is simply amazing. Listen to this account of a shower one alumna gave for the new house in September:

"There were enough linen, spreads and blankets to completely outfit the guest room, also the chaperon's room and the rooms for maids; three dozen towels; enough lace dresser covers for all rooms; fifteen table cloths and dozens of napkins; two complete luncheon sets of four dozen each; a lace table cloth; piles of dish cloths and towels; besides checks for a total of \$250. Isn't that remarkable? Every one is ready and anxious to help. At the end we passed a plate and got \$15 to pay cleaning women while moving in."

That month, Beta Epsilon too went into its own new home, though it is not yet quite completed. A year ago this youthful chapter owned a piece of land in Corvallis, had no immediate prospects of building. Then Portland alumnae chapter took up the problem and through the coöperation of its fine committee, the dream house is now a fact.

At two universities this fall Thetas make daily, if not hourly, visits to construction jobs to get the latest news as to the progress of their new homes. At the University of Texas construction begun last June to terminate it was hoped before college opened—but the house isn't finished yet, but will be soon. In the meantime, as offers of temporary housing, of entertaining centers pour in, Alpha Theta is finding out how many friends she has in Austin.

Construction at the University of Colorado did not begin until late summer, but all the same Beta Iota has a new house to watch grow this year and occupy next, at the latest.

And, at the University of Montana, Alpha Nu girls returned to a remodeled and enlarged house that seems like a brand new one, with the number of girls it will accommodate doubled, additional living quarters and comforts too.

Where, because of college ideas, or location, chapter houses are not feasible, the housing solution for two Theta chapters is being attained. At Swarthmore Alpha Beta's alumnae have at hand the entire amount needed to build the lodge, designed as part of the women's living quarters. In St Louis, Theta alumnae have raised the required funds to give Alpha Iota permanent possession of adequate rooms in the new Woman's building being erected on Washington university campus, to be ready in the fall of 1928.

The completion of these on-the-way homes leaves Theta with ten chapters still renting houses (this ten includes the six newest, most recently installed chapters) and ten others in colleges where the hope of chapter houses is a faint one, and where, as yet, no such solution as the Swarthmore or Washington plan is in sight.

Thirty-five chapters with their own homes is not a bad showing, though some of these houses are yet to be made adequate for fraternity purposes, or exchanged for new and larger homes.

FRATERNITY AND FRIENDSHIP

Fraternity and friendship are so closely united that they seem synonymous. To develop either means the betterment of the other. There are three C's that contribute to either—Courtesy, Common Sense, and Character. Courtesy, respect for another's individuality or personality, is a great safeguard of these two choice words. The rights of another, to study uninterrupted, to have her own thoughts and friends, to have her letters uncensored and to form her own plans without needless supervision, the right to the exclusive wearing of her own clothes as an adjunct of her personality, such rights demand respect, almost reverence. Give courtesy to these rights if you'd have fraternity and friendship flourish.

Many a friendship has been ruined by too much and too strong coffee, too little sleep, and too much excitement. Friendship like all partnerships, commercial and otherwise, needs wise care and strong health. An athlete uses better sense in making ready for a race that is over in a few minutes than people often do in maintaining friendships.

Character is the real prize of friendships. It is as poor a business deal to default by receiving the choice gifts of a rare and lovely character and in return giving shallow, light, and insincere traits as it is to squander too much time and thought where it is not helpful and is merely submersive. Build characters that are worthy of the best types of personality, and then give friendship to the best.

Courtesy, Common Sense, and Character are the safeguards of fraternity and friendship.—*A Γ Δ Quarterly*

CHAPTER HOUSES AND SCHOLARSHIP

ARE there any Kappa Alpha Theta chapter house rooms similar to the one here described? If so, ALUMNÆ, is not a field of service at your very doors? College chapter members, what have you done to avoid such rooms in your chapter house? What will you do this week? (if there are any such rooms in the house NOW!)

"He had just received a bid. Being one of the most promising freshman on the campus, he had been sought after by several of the leading fraternity groups. The two ablest chapter officers who as adroitly and as forcefully as possible had extended the invitation waited eagerly for his answer. Instead of an answer, there came a question, "If I accept your invitation, will I be required to live in the house?" The reply was "Yes," supplemented with numerous arguments why living in the house was a distinct advantage to the individual. Then came a request, "May I see your study rooms?" A tour of the house followed.

"The rooms visited were typical of the average fraternity house. Each provided for from two to four persons. The furniture was a hodge podge of golden oak, mission, and wicker. Worn rugs, decorated with ink spots, indicative of refractory fountain pens, were on the floors. The study tables and desks were littered with books, papers, and magazines. Socks shirts, sweaters, and other articles of wearing apparel were strewn about, some decorating the backs of chairs, with others on the floor, which gave evidence of the need of a broom or mop. There was a substantial layer of dust on the tops of the chiffoniers. The walls of the room, often red or dark green in color, were plastered with posters, magazine covers, signs, and illustrations from magazines. Dusty banners and pennants gave an additional collegiate touch. Oh, they were just the sort of rooms found in practically every fraternity house.

"After the tour was completed the freshman asked his two conductors if they would go home with him so that he might give his answer in his own room. They agreed.

"As they entered the comparatively small room of the freshman in a nearby rooming house, they were conscious of an unaccustomed atmosphere, and their high hopes of securing a favorable answer became clouded. It was distinctly a man's room; almost austere it seemed at first. The walls were bare except for several well framed pictures. There was order and cleanliness everywhere, yet an inviting chair with an attractive reading lamp beside it suggested comfort. It was a room that escaped

plainness by the beauty that the pictures gave and a bit of cheer contributed by bright covers of magazines and books and the colorful lamp shade. Here one might read or study quietly, effectively, comfortably.

"I'm going to be honest with you," said the freshman, after everyone was seated. "I should like to accept your invitation because I like your members hugely, but I have come to college to study earnestly, and I simply could not do satisfactory work under the conditions that seem to prevail in your study rooms. I cannot give up this room to live in confusion."

"The losing of a freshman was not so important as the result of such living conditions on the mental habits of the members of that chapter. One of the most difficult arguments brought against fraternities to answer is that members in most houses live under conditions that are detrimental to the development of the best study habits. Such rooms as the freshman saw add weight to such arguments."—© X *The Rattle*

RESOLUTIONS

Has any Theta chapter a better set of resolutions to offer for 1927-28? How many Theta chapters will paraphrase these resolutions to conform with Kappa Alpha Theta system of organization and then *live up to them?* Would that 55 chapters would—only, then we'd fear the millenium had arrived.

1. We won't criticize other chapters because they "aren't like us." Often it's a good thing!
2. We will acknowledge promptly and courteously every recommendation, whether we bid the girl or not.
3. We won't send material to the national officers at the last minute by special delivery.
4. We will not preserve carefully all the old chapter discord and gossip to whisper confidentially to the initiates.
5. We will not discuss discords in the chapter with outsiders, openly or insinuatingly.
6. We will be broad-minded enough not to resent the outside friendships of our Kappa Delta sisters.
7. We will not discuss constantly our unpaid dues with the chapter treasurer. She's a human being, too.
8. We will read every line of *The Angelos*—including the main articles and advertisements.
9. We will contribute to the Scholarship loan fund.
10. We will make Kappa Delta better because we belong to her.

K Δ *Angelos*

A PANHELLENIC SUGGESTION

THE college Panhellenic organizations so often complain of their lack of purpose and accomplishment except in their functioning with relation to rushing and pledging—that after the rush season is over they have nothing definite to do. A helpful hint may be taken from the article in Beta Theta Pi's magazine about *Fraternity get-togethers*, describing in detail a meeting of all fraternity members at the University of Tennessee and mentioning several similar occasions where the object was "to plan for more usefulness as co-ordinate parts of the college community."

The meeting was "devoted to a discussion of the responsibility of fraternity men to their institution and the state—pointing out that they could help materially in keeping scholarship where it should be and starting the freshmen on a program of university life which would be satisfactory to themselves, to the fraternities, and to the institution." And as a necessary qualification "the first thing we must have to cooperate as fraternity men is like-mindedness which ought to be tinged with right-mindedness."

The fraternities fail to realize the extent of their responsibility to freshmen—it is much larger than the obligation they have placed upon the freshmen of making certain scholarship requirements. The fraternities' responsibility lies in training to right study habits, setting worthy example, furnishing comfortable and quiet home surroundings for study, exercising reasonable control toward moderation in social life, giving wise counsel as to kind and amount of extra-curricula activity according to strength and capability—all these things will develop a well-adjusted, healthy, happy freshman group to shoulder the upperclassmen's duties and to make the most of their opportunities. The fraternities, through strict requirements but failure to guide and help, may easily end the college career of discouraged freshmen and this is a serious crime to be laid at their doors.

Memorial drives, athletic interests, crises of any sort in the institution, bring all the organizations together shoulder to shoulder and working in self-forgetful harmony. What a powerful instrument for carrying on the regular and really more vital program of the colleges, in giving intellectual and cultural training to the future citizens of the country, these organizations could become, working and planning together, with the greatest

good to the individual members and the institution more in mind than group rivalry and prestige!

Here is all year round work for the Panhellenic in every college and such cooperation would create an entirely different spirit for, and minimize the importance of, the regulation and control of the necessary evil—rushing.

As Prof J. Spencer McCallie said at the Tennessee get-together—"Sit down in your fraternity house and think what you can do to help old U.T. It is your Alma mater and the institution of your state." And another speaker, "Lay aside your differences and play for Tennessee."

JESSIE BALDRIDGE LEBRECHT

THE BEST YEAR

RESOLVED, that I shall get the most possible out of this year of my college life—what would happen to your present program of living if you made the foregoing resolution and actually lived up to it? In the first place, you would become critical of the life you as an individual are living on your campus. Have you ever thought that you are investing approximately forty-five dollars a week, nine dollars a day, including Sundays, for the time you spend on the college campus? Some of you are spending much more than that. Frankly now, are you getting your money's worth? Are you securing from this investment the highest returns possible?

Based on the average working week in industry, it costs you about a dollar an hour to carry on your college work, or, one might say, it costs you about three dollars every time you enter a classroom. If you are unprepared to get what you might be able to get out of that class hour, you lose your investment. You lose when you absent yourself from the classroom, or when your instructor "gives" you an unexpected vacation.

The saddest educational mistake a student makes is to believe that he gets returns on his investment if he passes a course. The worth of a course is not in the two or three hours' credit that may be given a student; the worth is what an individual gets out of the course in development, and development, let it be said, is dependent upon one's own intellectual efforts.

If you really appreciate the fact that you are in college life making an investment day by day, you will not only take a different attitude toward your classroom obligations, but you will become critical of the way you spend your leisure time, and espe-

cially of the time, energy, and thought you give to those dangerous, but alluring disturbing factors in our educational system, extra-curricula activities. Can you afford to give time, for which you are paying approximately a dollar an hour, to trivial affairs, to inconsequential committee meetings, to running errands, to doing all sorts of unimportant things that have little, if any, educational value?

Oh, but you say, I must have some time to play; "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." Agreed, but very few extra-curricula activities are play. Inspired by a very commendable desire to produce a product that will compare favorably with the best not alone of amateur, but of professional efforts, campus leaders insist upon work, which often becomes very real drudgery. As a result, few extra-curricula activities can be classed as wholesome recreation. They are usually a form of work, often extremely fascinating, to be sure, but can you afford to invest much of your dollar-an-hour time in them?

How can you get the most possible out of your college life? First, you are living in the most stimulating atmosphere to be found. All around you are alert minds, intelligent leaders, persons, young and old, who are not afraid to think. There are criticism, skepticism, challenge in every quarter. There is everywhere a clash of ideas, both inside and outside the classroom. But to grow in this environment, you must think, read, argue, and react.

Second, you are surrounded by much that makes for culture and for deepest enjoyment. Very few of you will ever again have both time and opportunity to browse among the best in literature that the ages have given us. Yet the reading of some of you is confined to classroom requirements! From time to time, musical, dramatic, and platform artists offer you the delights that come with the appreciation of things of beauty. Many of you never again may have an opportunity to come into contact with these men and women whom the world recognizes as standing in the front ranks of talent, if not of genius. Yet many college students choose the movies instead of hearing and seeing great artists!

Third, you have the opportunity of developing the kind of friendships which will enrich your lives. The art of making friends can be developed to best advantage on a college campus where a community of interest among persons of similar age makes initiatory contacts simple and easy. Too often an individual who becomes a member of a Greek-letter organization is

content to limit his friendships to the narrow confines of his own group. Thus he merely accepts friendships, rather than makes them. He even loses the great ideal of the fraternity in its biggest sense. Not only is success in a material way often dependent on one's ability to make friends, but happiness comes rarely to one who lives to himself alone. James B. Angell, when asked by a New York newspaper on the occasion of his fortieth anniversary as president of the University of Michigan, what is the most valuable thing secured from a college education, replied in one word, "Friendships." The student who is wise enough to spend a goodly portion of his leisure time making acquaintances and developing those acquaintanceships into friendships will benefit in every way.

The best wish I can give you all at this beginning of a new year is that you adopt and live out the resolution to get the most possible out of the remainder of your college life.

—Θ X Rattle, Jan. '27

THE COMMON AIM OF FRATERNITY MAGAZINES

(Continued from May, 1927, issue, page 435.)

THE *Angelos* of Kappa Delta tells of its work for crippled children; the *Eleusis* of Chi Omega reports a service fund, which shall be a means of helping others. Various schemes for money making are presented. Thetas may be interested to know that Kappa Kappa Gamma and several other groups besides Thetas bought and sold Fleisher hosiery.

A number of magazines were concerned with stressing the problem which was most immediate at the particular time. Each fraternity which was facing an approaching convention devoted a considerable portion of its magazine to that subject; the methods are largely the same—pleas for a large attendance, supported by the arguments of the value of attendance at convention, the desirability of the place where the convention is to be held, and predictions of the good times that will be had. A picture and a short sketch of the convention delegate occur in many. If there had recently been the installation of a new chapter there is an account of that proceeding, accompanied by pictures of the college and of the chapter house. References to Panhellenic business are frequently included. At the time the group of magazines which were studied appeared, a subject which received notice in fifteen of the magazines was the Panhellenic clubhouse.

An evidence of deep grounded concern for the fraternity world is frequently expressed. There is an admirable frankness in the facing of these problems. Seldom do we find the attitude of a fraternity to be one of complacent self satisfaction. Instead, the fraternities are realizing the too frequent peril of difficulties arising from rushing, the opposition which some of the college authorities are evincing towards secret organizations, the sometimes unsatisfactory housing conditions, and other problems which keep the fraternity world from being an ideal one. The fraternities are earnestly trying to do constructive work; to search out the difficulties, and try, in so far as that is possible, to find some remedy. It might be more pleasing to the eager undergraduate, or to the somewhat indifferent alumna, who wants to feel pride in her fraternity, and no challenge, to read from magazines only of the achievements, successes, and progressive activities of her fraternity. But a policy of that sort could lead only to retrogression. The insistence of these various problems may vary in their prevalence and intensity in one college or another, but in every case they are the problems not merely of one's own fraternity, but of all fraternities.

In order that the viewpoint in fraternity journals may not be entirely that of the fraternity person, whose interpretation of fraternity problems may be tinged by personal love for one's own organization, it is the policy of most of the magazines from time to time to include articles, sometimes reprints, written by a person outside of membership in the fraternity world.

An infinite number of special features may be observed in the plan of some of the magazines. Many have an exchange section in which are quoted pertinent selections from other Greek letter publications, from both men's and women's fraternities. Two of the magazines read had book review sections. Most of them had news interspersed with poetry. There was one announcement of a poetry contest. In some cases members were allowed to make announcements of special lines of work in which their sisters might desire to become patrons, as for example the shopping service. The *Angelos* of Kappa Delta contains some interesting discussion under the heading of "Over fraternity teacups"; this deals with a consideration of Panhellenic problems, and suggests a fortunate spirit of cameraderie. The *Alpha Phi Quarterly* published a thought-provoking article by an Englishman, in which the writer criticizes unfavorably the American college on the basis of a lack of thoroughness. On the whole this magazine, on account of this and other qualifications, seems to represent the

most varied interest, and a higher literary standard than any of the others that came under observation.

One more point that may be commented on briefly is the kind of advertising accepted. Theta's friend, Balfour, is the official jeweler of a number of the Greek letter organizations; in such cases announcements to that effect appear. Other jewelers advertise in various ones of the magazines. Advertisements of articles that college students will be interested in appear. In the *Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega, the advertisements turn most naturally to musical conservatories, and are of the kind that would be of especial value to students of music.

It is not a contradiction to say that although there are so many features and problems which fraternity magazines have in common, that each one has been remarkably successful in maintaining its individuality. It would be an erroneous impression to think that there is a formula which, with slight alteration, one after another follows. It is because all are dealing with college girls, or with those who have been college girls, of practically the same age, with people who are doing practically the same thing, who are banded together for intellectual advancement, for the profit of social association, and the fulfilling of ideals, in the common background of college life, that there are so many points in common. But the personality, the personnel, the individual problems, aims, hopes, successes and difficulties of each are expressed through its official organ. A fraternity member will always feel that she is glad to meet a member of her own fraternity, even though she comes from a chapter other than her own. But if she can not meet her own sister there is also a feeling of cousinship, at least, with members of other fraternities. To know what others are doing in the fraternity world will be an aid in bringing about this feeling.

A Fraternity Service Efficiency Scale

- 100 per cent I did.
- 90 per cent I will.
- 80 per cent I can.
- 70 per cent I think I can.
- 60 per cent I might.
- 50 per cent I think I might.
- 40 per cent what is it?
- 30 per cent I think I could.
- 20 per cent I don't know how.
- 10 per cent I can't.
- 0 per cent I won't.

—Φ K Ψ *sweld*

PLEDGE NUMBERS

THIS is the time of year when undergraduates frantically plead for permission to pledge more than the chapter's two-third quota, each sure that her chapter will go to perdition if it does not pledge an unlimited number of the "wonderful new girls."

Next month is the time of year when alumnae will swamp the mail of fraternity officers with statements that this and that college chapter is far on the way to perdition because of its horde of pledges.

As an alumna for ten years, I sympathize with—secretly share—the general alumnae dismay at long pledge lists.

As a frequent visitor in the office where L. Pearle is now in the midst of air mail letters, wires, and long distance phone calls telling of depleted ranks, most wonderful freshmen, and all the other arguments for more, more, more pledges—I sympathize with the undergraduates, wonder if Theta's two-third rule is a serious handicap to chapter development.

Then I am invited to seek the answer to my confused opinion in the story of pledges in recent years, as the office files tell it. So, I dig into the files and come to the conclusion that every chapter's problem is—as Grand council states—an individual one, to be attacked through knowledge of that chapter's condition, and the situation on its campus; also that chapters' poor judgment and pledges' own failures are the root of the difficulty.

Council votes to allow this chapter to go over the quota, the over total to be set by the Advisory board. Why? There are 350 entering women (due to new dormitories, etc.) where formerly the largest number was 107. "Chapters have always been under-size there, must grow suddenly as the college has grown," remarks the Grand secretary.

Council refuses extra pledges to this chapter. Why? Last year it pledged, with permission, 20 girls, only 7 of whom qualified for initiation. Better selection, better judgment, better training, *not mere members*, will solve this chapter's difficulty. The Advisory board is again called into service—this time to help select the right material, to then help train it.

Another chapter is refused extra pledges because it has developed two factions and until unity is restored the infiltration of new material must be slow.

Another petition is granted, because two lean crop years have depleted student body, and now that times are better in the

state, chapters must enlarge; beside many are returning, or entering, with advanced standing, which will help fill up the junior and sophomore delegations now proportionately too small.

And so the story reads.

Both undergraduate and alumnae might well ponder some figures from last year's pledge history.

During the college year 1926-27, 55 Theta chapters pledged 871 girls; 527 of these girls were initiated during the year. And how many of the 527 are a real asset, are returning for more than a freshman year at college? The answer isn't at hand yet.

What became of the other 344?

Well, 140 of them were either in colleges where sophomore initiation rules, or else were pledged second semester, so *not* eligible to initiation before this fall. All of these *may* be initiated—provided they return to college this month and have attained the requisite scholarship standard. Reports showing their present status are not yet at hand.

Where are the other 204? Over 14 per cent of them, 126 in exact figures, failed to earn the college credits necessary for initiation under college, Panhellenic, or Theta rules. Some of these *may* have qualified by good scholarship second term and so *may* be initiated, if they return to college this fall.

Then 63 pledges left college before one semester had passed—a few of these were unfortunately ill (and may yet become Thetas) but as a group they represent the pledging of girls not really fitted for college, unwisely admitted to some university, girls who came to college for the prestige of social fraternity associations and left when they found they had to work and earn initiation.

The other 14 had their pledges broken by chapters, because they did not prove to be able to live up to Theta standards. These represent poor judgment by, or undue pressure on, chapters—by 13 chapters, as only 2 pledges were broken at one college.

Summing up. Last year, 23.20 per cent of Theta pledges fell by the wayside. The record for other recent years is similar.

So, Alumnae, discount the total before worrying over too many pledges, thank the convention that made the two-third rule, as, but for it 90 per cent of the chapters would have pledged even more girls; and the convention that ruled a term's college credits must be earned *before* initiation. Then worry about the poor methods of selection, the weak judgment used in selecting pledges, and solve that problem for your nearest college chapter.

So, College Girls, take note of your chapter's success in selecting pledges who will make good and become real Thetas. Better selection, better training, better records in the return of members after freshman year, *not more pledges*, will solve your conflicts with existing fraternity rules.

Just six chapters—Beta, Lambda, Mu, Alpha Eta, Alpha Omega, and Beta Eta—initiated all of their last year's pledges on time, or have them all qualified at first opportunity under college rules, where sophomore initiation prevails.

Not a record to boast about, is it? Will the 1927-28 record be better? That is up to the alumnae, the college chapters, the new pledges themselves.

HOW A GOAT BECOMES A SHEEP

And verily, the sheep shall be separated from the goats. In an effort to stimulate better scholarship in Alpha Xi chapter at the University of Delaware, the alumni of that chapter have provided a large silver plaque mounted on wood and hung in the most conspicuous place in the house. Engraved across the top of the plaque are the words, "Alpha Xi Sheep." Below are engraved the names of all the men who received satisfactory grades the past semester.

The plan is to divide the sheep from the goats twice a year, the goats being those who flunk in any of their courses. Any time a goat raises himself to the sheep class by passing his semester's work satisfactorily, his name will be added to the sheep. A sheep whose name already appears on the plaque will have a star placed after his name each semester that his record is clear, so it will be possible for a man to have seven stars if he goes through his four years without a failure.

The goats will be obliged to keep the plaque polished and also will be obliged to pay for engraving the names and stars of the sheep each semester. The plaque will take care of additions for at least ten years, presenting an interesting record of scholastic successes.

The Alpha Xi alumni group found that offering special recognition to the man who attains the highest standard of scholarship did not effectively solve the problem of raising the chapter scholarship. The plaque device was evolved in the hope of spurring members to keep clear of failures in their university career.

—*Θ X Rattle*

WORK OF A SCHOLARSHIP ADVISOR

THE work of the scholarship advisor of a college chapter is genuine educational work, to be seriously undertaken, seriously studied, and seriously worked out with all the knowledge, ability, and tact that education and experience can give. If a chapter has lost morale and has fallen away from the intellectual ideal of the fraternity, it is a matter of time and consistent effort to restore its traditional prestige.

Some of the factors in the problem are inherent in the texture of modern society. Without being pessimistic one may recognize that there is not the general respect for intellect that characterized the United States before the general spread of information among the masses, which has tended to leveling and mediocrity. In many quarters there is expressed open scorn for scholarly habits and a fear of bookishness. Naturally fraternity chapters feel something of this impact. It is the work of the advisor to stem this tide with wisdom.

One of the chief problems of fraternity life is the rush. Pledges must be chosen with good judgment. Discrimination and wisdom in the beginning prevent repentance over mistakes. A severe weeding out of doubtful rushees will prevent laboring with deficiencies in scholarship after initiation. Alumnæ can help at this point by being scrupulous in inquiring into the genuine merits of girls whom they recommend. All too many girls are recommended as fine students who prove to be barely average or less when tested in college.

Any irresponsibility of pledge or active member, of chapter or alumnæ, militates against morale, and high morale is necessary for cultivating a scholarly spirit. The alumna advisor and active scholarship chairman must see that reasonable electives are chosen. Easy courses must not be selected solely for points; unreasonable combinations must not be made, such as two heavy science courses in one semester; proper balance must be kept. Incompatibility should be guarded against, but petty prejudices should not be indulged. Conferences with the chapter should be frequent. Students who are doing poor work should be aided promptly. The careless should be stimulated, and all encouraged. A proper emphasis should be placed on activities. They should not monopolize time and energy. The fraternity ideal should always control and secure well-rounded development.

It is, indeed, work for a specialist, educational work, taxing but fascinating, infinitely rewarding, rich in compensations.

[The Editor regrets that this fine article was received unsigned. Won't its author make herself known, so as to be properly thanked?—L.P.G.]

PANHELLENIC SPIRIT

ON EVERY campus there exists rivalry between the various fraternities. Sometimes this rivalry is mere friendly competition; often it almost verges on bitter enmity.

At the University of North Dakota certain events during the college year, such as the women's interfraternity basketball tournament, the *Dacotah* sales campaign, and the Flickertail Follies, occasion the liveliest competition among women's fraternities. We of Alpha Pi have tried to do our part toward creating among the fraternities on the campus of North Dakota a feeling of friendliness, though we be rivals still.

In addition to the regular exchange dinners outlined by Panhellenic, we have established the custom of inviting informally to dinner on alternate Thursday nights three or four members of other fraternities. The remaining Thursday nights we reserve for faculty dinner guests.

As a more definite step toward promoting friendly interfraternity spirit, we have for several years entertained all fraternity women and their guests at our annual interfraternity party, which is popularly called the Theta Co-Ed. This year as the keynote of our decorative scheme we used the badges and colors of the various women's fraternities.

Though we have not yet accomplished much, we can see the beginning of sincere friendship between our fraternity and others. Perhaps other chapters have plans for solving this problem; if so, Alpha Pi would like to hear them.

HELEN McGURK

FORT WORTH PANHELLENIC

THE Fort Worth Panhellenic association is peculiar, I believe, in the cordiality and friendliness among its members. It has existed for about twelve or fourteen years, but has never affiliated with the national organization. This may have something to do with its good feeling, for, as it is, no one thinks to what fraternity anyone belongs. There is no rotation of officers, each year those elected are members who stood out as interested workers the previous year. Last year Theta happened to hold three offices but nothing was said of it and I believe that the majority of Panhellenic didn't even know they were all of one fraternity.

The big work of the group is scholarship loans. Two or three loans are given each year to girls that have made a good

record so far but who couldn't possibly go on without help. The size of the loan depends on the college that the girl is attending, and the number of loans depends on the money that the group has been able to raise that year.

The money is raised in various ways such as bridge benefits, assessments, and so on. Then, too, at each of the monthly meetings, which take the form of bridge parties, each member gives twenty-five cents to the fund. This year we were particularly fortunate in being able to sponsor a concert that brought in two hundred dollars above our quota. So, as a result, we are particularly affluent this year and can either rest on our laurels next year or give an extra loan.

Our monthly meetings are the bridge parties mentioned above. We all have such fun that it is no trouble to get most of the people out. Our main problem is finding a day that is convenient to everyone. Saturday was finally decided upon for the benefit of the teachers, but it does eliminate some people with children. We have outgrown meeting in the homes, so now have our parties in the University club down town.

We have such good times together that we don't even disband in the summer. As a concession to the hot weather we meet in the mornings instead of the afternoons, but our crowds are as large or even larger than in the winter. There are two big parties each year for the Greek-letter girls who are home from college; one during the Christmas holidays, and the other a luncheon or breakfast in August. I must confess that it is more fun for the Panhellenic members than for the college girls, but the seed is planted and it doesn't take much effort to get them interested when they are through college.

Of course no fraternity problems are taken up or even thought of. Our whole business is the scholarship fund, and local affairs, the rest of the meetings being given to purely social affairs, where we merely enjoy each other. Many people from other cities, where Panhellenic is an organization it is a duty for a representative to attend and report back to her group what is being done, have predicted that this group will fail when the different fraternities form their own alumnae clubs and chapters. With the Thetas it has had a different effect. Since the organization of the Theta alumnae club more Thetas have come to Panhellenic than ever before. I suppose that is because we talk about it a lot and encourage every one to go and help us enjoy the other fraternity women of Fort Worth.

KATE A. WEAVER

WHAT WE DON'T KNOW

"O H, DEAR, don't ask me!" wails an embarrassed alumna in answer to almost *any* question that you may put to her about the National Panhellenic Congress. (Further investigation might prove that she couldn't answer very many questions about her own fraternity.)

"I used to be up on that when I was in college—but don't ask me now!" In a sentence, this is the attitude of most fraternity alumnae. And yet we appoint program committees and they in turn ponder the problem of what we shall do at Panhellenic meetings.

Why not study a little bit about the National Panhellenic Congress?

Why not know something about the purposes of this organization of which you are a member?

Why not, in short, have programs enlightening on the subject of N.P.C.?

Most of the speakers appearing before the public these days either have something to say or have a clever way of saying nothing—at any rate they are entertaining. I would not suggest that speakers be eliminated entirely, but why not have some meetings devoted to the study and discussion of Panhellenic matters? And lastly, what would please our national officers more than to find a group of alumnae who could actually give intelligent cooperation?

There lies but one danger in the whole suggestion—the officers might drop dead if this last should happen!

If you like the idea, try the following list of questions on your local group:

NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONGRESS

1. *a.* Give a brief history of National Panhellenic Congress.
b. What is its purpose? *c.* Admission requirements? *d.* How are the officers chosen?
2. *a.* How many members in N.P.C. at present? *b.* List them, chronologically. *c.* Describe at least ten badges.
3. *a.* Name three standing committees of the congress.
b. Describe, briefly, the functions of each.
4. *a.* When and where was the last meeting of N.P.C. held?
b. At this meeting three distinct surveys were authorized; name at least one of them. *c.* Five important recommendations were made; name one of them.

5. a. What state has the largest number of college Panhellenies?
- b. How many college Panhellenies in the United States?
- c. What is the official organ of N.P.C.?—A X Ω *Lyre*.

At the closing 1926-27 meeting of the Pittsburgh Panhellenic much interest was aroused by a questionnaire which the hostesses—the Pittsburgh alumnae chapter of Sigma Kappa—had prepared for guests to answer in couples. Here are some of the questions:

1. What does N.P.C. stand for?
 2. How many fraternities in N.P.C.?
 3. Who is chairman of N.P.C. and what is her fraternity?
 4. How many fraternities are represented in our Panhellenic?
- What members of N.P.C. are not represented in our club?
5. What fraternity will be president of our Panhellenic next year?
 6. What are the two chief manuals about fraternities? Which one is written by a woman?
 7. How many fraternity alumnae (approximately) in the Pittsburgh district?

Other stunts at this party were to choose partners for this questionnaire through cards bearing pictures of badges of the fraternities matched to cards bearing the titles of fraternity magazines, or the Greek letters of fraternity names.

GENESIS OF ALPHA THETA CHAPTER

This vital story is printed in the hope of inspiring others to emulation so as to give vitality to the statistics of chapter history.

IN THE fall of 1901 a transfer from a middle-western state university entered the University of Texas. This enterprising young transfer wore a kite-shaped badge which piqued the curiosity of all and sundry who had heard vaguely of the mysterious somethings called women's fraternities "just like the men's fraternities, you know, only different, of course." Research developed the fact that there were among the wives of faculty men and of a few professional men of the city, scattered alumnae of Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta, and at least one Alpha Phi. Before college ended in the spring of 1902, there were at least three local groups, the Valentine club, the Five club, and Tri Sigma, who were petitioning for a charter in a national fraternity, and what is more they were all three, each unknown to the other, petitioning for a charter of Kappa Alpha Theta.

This startling fact was disclosed in a conference called by Mrs Helen Marr Kirby, Lady assistant to the faculty, and first Dean of women at the University of Texas. Mrs Kirby was a graduate of Wesleyan female college of Georgia, and the widow of a Confederate army officer. She had heard rumors of the entrance of women's fraternities into her peaceful domain and she was afraid that these organizations might interfere in some way with the serene march of events under her somewhat matriarchal sway. She accordingly requested the members of the three petitioning groups to meet with her. As a result of this conference, the girls promised her not to renew their petitions for a year, when, Mrs Kirby promised, faculty consent would be given if they still desired it.

Imagine, if you can, the indignation of the Dean of women when the Valentine club members appeared at college one morning in January wearing the pledge ribbons of Pi Beta Phi. The faculty discipline committee held a formal trial of the guilty ones. Several of the girls were the daughters of prominent faculty men, who interceded for them. Mrs Kirby was at last persuaded to be lenient with them, although she never ceased to think that they had flagrantly betrayed her trust in them. The Pi Beta Phi charter was granted January 19, 1902; the Beta Xi chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma, formerly Tri Sigma, received its charter in May of the same year. It was generally considered that they, too, had not kept faith with Mrs Kirby, but had not been able to secure their charter quite so early as the Pi Phis. However, no guilt attaches to them officially, for Mrs Kirby, as soon as she learned that the Pi Phi charter had been granted, and that she must bow to the inevitable, called the other petitioners into her office and freely absolved them from any promises they might have made her in regard to the matter of fraternities. She told them that she desired not only that these two groups should get charters, but that she would be glad to welcome as many fraternities as might wish to enter the university. "The more, the merrier, dear girls," she said. "I want you to be sure and have enough to go around."

The Five club reorganized in the spring of 1903, expanded and began anew to petition Kappa Alpha Theta. They had really never sent in a formal petition until then, but were determined to have a charter from Kappa Alpha Theta or none at all. When the other two groups learned in Mrs Kirby's conference the rather amusing coincidence that all three were petitioning for the same charter, they agreed to apply for different

charters, since it was obviously impossible for each to be successful. The national council of Chi Omega offered Ashbel, the oldest literary society, a charter, but was courteously refused, since Ashbel did not care to lose its identity. A half dozen or more Beta Epsilon (Barbs elect), as the Five club had been rechristened, were members of this honor group known as Ashbel, and might have had the charter for the asking, but they were very sure that they wanted Kappa Alpha Theta or nothing. Dr Simonds, Anna's father, wrote the ritual for Beta Epsilon.

It was difficult for the Pi Phis and Kappas to believe that the members of Beta Epsilon had kept faith with Mrs Kirby. Daily they waited for us to display the black and gold ribbons of Theta. They tried to break up our organization, too. Leaders of Beta Epsilon were rushed under cover, some received guarded bids, since many of us roomed with Pi Phis. Nearly all the groups resided at Grace hall, the Episcopal residence for University of Texas women students. There were classic instances of Kappas and Pi Phis who were room-mates. Some four-year old friendships were strained, to say the least of it.

We Beta Epsilons loved fun, especially "Proc," and Gretchen. We were always playing tricks on the rest. Once we secured a dozen or so pins, gold, enameled in black, bearing a star followed by a figure 5 and another star. By wearing these upside down and at a rakish angle, we made these somewhat kite-shaped pins look astonishingly like a Theta pin to the eye more or less familiar with the Theta badge as pictured in the manual of fraternities. One Saturday night at supper (we always invited guests to our Saturday night suppers at Grace hall) Gretchen decided to satisfy every one's curiosity. We had carried the joke far enough. So she made a very important announcement that seemed to have to do with the installation of a new fraternity in the university. Suddenly, somehow, Gretchen broke off into an impassioned plea for all present to buy none but Five Star Five shoes, made by the Brown shoe company of Saint Louis, Missouri, makers of very sturdy, popular-priced foot-wear. A gale of laughter swept around the table and some of the company looked rather sick and also "sold."

The members of the original Five club were: Laura Williamson, Susie Weld, Josephine Eikel, Alma Proctor, and Katherine Petty. Beta Epsilon added the names of Jeanne Borroum, Birdie Jagoe, Gretchen Roch, Lillian Greer, Ethel Oliphint, Emma Greer and Mary Greer (not related to Lillian), Lily Bess

Campbell (whose cousin in Ohio was a Theta), Anna Simonds, Adele Johnson, Julia Estill, Grace Nash, Willie Davis, Jane Ellis, Emma Lake, and Hallie Powell. All of these except Laura Williamson, Emma Lake, Jane Ellis, Josie Eikel and Hallie Powell were subsequently initiated into Alpha Theta. They, however, had not secured their degrees prior to leaving the university, so were never eligible. They have been no less dear to the original petitioning group, however.

The Alpha Theta charter was granted June 12, 1903. The regular term of the university had just closed. A few of us who had remained for the summer term received the telegram announcing our good fortune and went down town to celebrate. Over our ice-cream we called for speeches. I remember Adele Johnson's. It was: "Now we've got this charter that we've wanted for so long, what are we going to do with it? I tell you, this is a responsibility." We all felt that way. Later in the week we had a banquet at Mrs Phineas Windsor's. She was a Theta and wife of the chief librarian of the university. She responded to the toast: *Theta babies and baby Thetas*. One of her youngsters arrived slightly in advance of our telegram. We were full of plans for buying a lot for a future house, even that summer. Now, after a lapse of twenty-four years, when Katherine Petty has a Theta daughter and Alma Proctor's son is a junior in the university, our hopes are being realized.

Say, dja ever
graduate from college
feelin' kinder sorry
for the chapter
now that you'd gone
and they'd be practically ruined
n'everything?

And about a year later
the postman hands you
an engraved invitation
to the house warming
for the peachy new home
and a friend tells you
the chapter is in better condition
than it's ever been
Say, dja ever?

—Δ Z Lamp

COLLEGE CHAPTER LEADERS 1927-28

ALPHA'S president is Helen Hester, daughter of Mary Gwynne Hester, Alpha '97. Helen is blond and blue-eyed, a sweet, gentle, well-poised, dignified girl with plenty of fun in her make-up too. She is a fine student, socially attractive, morally forceful, tactful, and well beloved in the house.

BETA will be led by Elizabeth Ferguson.

GAMMA chose for president Helen DeGrief, known on Butler's campus as "Colonel." Colonel combines, to a marked degree, leadership with tact and sympathy. She is democratic, modest, ambitious for the chapter's welfare.

GAMMA DEUTERON elected as president Ernestine Biddle.

DELTA: Elizabeth Mary Ward came to Illinois a sophomore with one desire—to be a Theta. From the day of pledging she has been an enthusiastic worker. Her chief campus interests are Y.W.C.A. and Woman's League. She is a "superior" scholar. She has the skill to guide the chapter through any difficulty and the tact to handle fraternity business effectively.

ETA: Dorothy Baird is Eta's president.

IOTA: Fine scholarship, beauty, charm, poise, humor, imagination, sympathy, with a genius for friendship, give Ruth Althea Smith the leadership qualities a chapter president needs. Her social gifts make her a part of the formal and informal gayety at Cornell, where she is a dashing part of the landscape as she skillfully drives her car, "Cynthia," Ruth's main recreation.

KAPPA has chosen Dorothy Darrah to lead the chapter this year. Dorothy entered Kansas as a sophomore and proved her ability as house treasurer and junior Panhellenic delegate before taking over the presidency.

LAMBDA: Charlotte Stone has the three things essential to that intangible thing, personality—appearance, manner, character. Her appearance is lovely—light fluffy hair, sparkling brown eyes, an air that proclaims good breeding and sweetness of spirit. Her manner is winning and gracious. Her character always enthusiastic, yet with the cool judgment and keen understanding that gets results without flurry or worry.

MU: Frances B. Bond is Mu's president.

OMICRON: This chapter will be led by Julia Miller, who became a Theta at the San Francisco national convention initiation.

RHO:

SIGMA'S president, Eleanor Richards, has a keen eye, a grave look, and a live vein of humor.

TAU will be led by Helen Cole.

UPSILON'S president is Bernadine Dunn.

PHI: Madeline Frick is a Theta daughter, a major in psychology, an honor student, a gracious and popular social leader, able to tactfully manage any situation that may arise in chapter life.

CHI: Louise Sturtevant will preside at Syracuse Theta meetings.

PSI: The fall of 1924 was a lucky one for Psi. After the rush was over Psi found among its jewels Martha Brown. Her big brown eyes and curly brown hair soon won her the nickname "Brownie." Brownie has in every way proved herself capable, willing to perform the smallest or the largest tasks. At all times she considers Theta's welfare.

OMEGA elected Alice Henderson president for 1927-28.

ALPHA BETA:

"We have the honor," says Alpha Beta,

"To introduce a worthwhile Theta."

And looking above at the row of teeth

And the shadowy girl as frail as a leaf,

It's hard to believe she's plenty stocky

To captain Swarthmore's varsity hockey.

You can judge by her eyes that she's never a grouch—

At raising the average she's far from a slouch.

She's reading for honors—political science,

She counsels us wisely in every alliance.

She's a Mortar board member and everything grand,

And she's always around when the fun is on hand.

Unblemished by moderns, pure and unspecked—

This is Anne Kennedy, our leader-elect.

ALPHA GAMMA'S president is Ruth V. Heer.

ALPHA DELTA. Brought up to Thetahood by her vivacious sister, Clara Davis Tucker, Virginia Davis has worked faithfully throughout her college career for the welfare of the fraternity. Living in Baltimore, too, has made her feel motherly toward all the chapter and the Davis home is a veritable haven to all of us who come from places afar. There is nothing really nice enough to say about Virginia—but Alpha Delta is mighty proud of its president.

ALPHA ETA. Ruth Richmond Burr is every bit as lovely as her picture indicates. Her unfailing tact, a keen sense of

humor, and a great sense of justice combine to make her an ideal chapter president. She is a prospective Phi Beta Kappa! This is something to be admired and envied, and Ruth is also some one to be admired and loved!

ALPHA THETA, president, Helen McNeill.

ALPHA IOTA, president, Margaret Gilger.

ALPHA KAPPA, president, Ruth Hager.

ALPHA LAMBDA, president, Helen Williams.

ALPHA MU:

ALPHA NU, president, Gladys Wilson.

ALPHA XI, president, Esther Hardy.

ALPHA OMICRON, president, Mex Rodmon.

ALPHA PI: Carolyn Gidley has proved herself everything a worthy Theta should be. Besides being an earnest and enthusiastic worker in the chapter, Caryl is popular and active on campus, especially in musical fields. Our gracious and competent president is capable of bringing the chapter safely through any crises which may arise.

ALPHA RHO: Lowene Lancelot looks and is just what her name makes one think she would be—pretty and sweet. But that isn't all, for she is democratic, fair-minded, and above all, capable.

ALPHA SIGMA. Our president's favorite joke is the one about the Irishman saying if he weren't Irish he would be ashamed of himself. Since her name is Anne Corcoran, it is easy to see that she's Irish. True to her nationality, she has a quick wit and a warm personality. She is loved and respected, not only in our own house, but all over the campus. Whether she got her executive ability from her "Irishness" I can't tell, but she has it. She *likes* to preside over a meeting, and does it well, getting plenty of practice, as she is also president of Woman's league. Her good nature does not allow any one to disregard house and campus traditions. In fact, she takes good care of the chapter, standing wisely by her duties to the best of her great ability.

ALPHA TAU'S elected president is Dorothy Carrothers.

ALPHA UPSILON'S elected president, who was married during the summer, is not returning to college, so as college opens, this chapter is without a president.

ALPHA PHI will have as president Mary Sanders.

ALPHA CHI: Elizabeth Merritt has charm, poise, faithfulness, and enthusiasm. Initiated by Beta chapter, Elizabeth transferred to Purdue at the beginning of sophomore year and

ever since has been an enthusiastic worker for Alpha Chi. With her charming personality, she will make an ideal president.

ALPHA PSI: All eyes turned irresistibly to Marion Worthинг when the time came to elect a new chapter president, for Marion has a "way" with her. It is the way of the real executive, tactful and pleasant, but firm. She is the sort of person one likes to confide in, for she has an unlimited amount of sympathy and wisdom. She is the sort of person one likes to work with, for she is so enthusiastic and diligent herself. She is the sort of person one likes to play with, for she is so gay and charming.

ALPHA OMEGA elected as president Kathryn Rowell.

BETA BETA'S president is Elizabeth Fuller; a small girl with black bobbed hair and big brown eyes that are eager and shining. She is full of fun, has a quiet way of getting anything done that she undertakes, has good judgment and is not afraid of work.

BETA GAMMA, president, Lois Bald.

BETA DELTA, president, Margaret Stokeley.

BETA EPSILON, president, Sallie Rogers.

BETA ZETA, president, Polly Cowan.

BETA ETA elected as president Marjorie Porter, who, during the college year, lives in Swarthmore, where, at her home, the chapter has good times in the form of picnics and card parties. Marge's personality and slow smile make her a true Theta.

BETA THETA, president, Mildred Perry.

BETA IOTA elected as president Florence Northcutt.

BETA KAPPA: Beth Shawver, president, is an energetic, capable young woman, whom the chapter is sure will be an ideal chapter president. She is active on campus, especially along literary lines, and her popularity is established by the winning of Drake's popularity contest last year.

BETA LAMBDA will be led by Dorothy Farrar.

BETA MU: Lucile Summerfield is one of those unusual people you read about—capable, and at the same time clever, intelligent, and extremely lovable. "Puddin," as she is affectionately known to all at Nevada, holds a place of high esteem in the hearts of all who know her. She is a fine student and active on campus. Though very small, Lucile gets what she goes after with gracious charm and initiative.

BETA NU, president, Melissa Darby.

BETA XI, president, Ann Fontron.

BETA OMICRON, president, Corrine Parsons.

BETA PI, president, Frances Harvey.

The absence of any details about numerous presidents is accounted for by the failure of many chapter editors to send in requested sketches. (For the same reason many presidential faces are lacking from the picture section, too.)

Two surprising and delightfully encouraging facts have been revealed in checking this list. The presidents for this year, more than a year after national convention, include four girls who were official representatives of their chapters at that convention: Helen Cole, Tau; Florence Northeutt, Beta Iota; Lucile Summerfield, Beta Mu; Melissa Darby, Beta Nu. As visitors at that convention were present also the new presidents of eight chapters, namely of—Omicron, Phi, Omega, Alpha Delta, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Xi, Alpha Omicron, and Alpha Tau. This means that, in preparation for next convention, twelve chapters will have the help of leaders with actual national convention experience. A number of other presidents broadened their experience by attending District conventions the past summer.

ALUMNA SINCE JUNE 1927

ON THE editor's plan sheet for this issue was a call for an article especially aimed to interest you who became alumnae with Commencement services last June. An alumna, whose hobby it is to preach "once active, always active" promised the copy—then an unexpected trip to Europe took her off—and she isn't back yet. So, the editor added this story to those the office would have to prepare for this issue. Then—in reading Exchanges one afternoon, she came upon the fine message to new Sigma Kappa alumnae which that fraternity's Grand president, Mary Louise Gay Blunt had in the June *Sigma Kappa Triangle*. Instinctively the editor was tempted to paraphrase this article by making it personal to Kappa Alpha Theta. But, it was summer time, there should have been vacation days—beside she lacked the talent to improve upon this fine article, so the decision was to print it *in toto*, thank Sigma Kappa most sincerely for such able copy, and leave you each to do your own paraphrasing by substituting the name of your own fraternity in the text, and otherwise making the message a personal one exhorting each of you to be everlastingly an active Theta.

"From the few of you who think of your sorority as belonging to college days only, and whose interest, always superficial,

will vanish when you are graduated, we would ask that you lay aside your little jeweled pin in the treasure box of your youthful souvenirs. To you it has meant little except as a sign of social distinction and as an "Open Sesame" to the magical door of social contacts your own personality would scarcely have achieved. We are disappointed in you and would rather that you cease to wear the badge of "One of Ours." You have never really belonged to us. The sorority had much to offer you but you asked little, received little (though more than you deserved) and gave nothing in return. But you are now joining the ranks of mature men and women and will surely prefer not to go on wearing a pin whose meaning you have never understood.

"To others of the alumnae of 1927, the sorority has meant much, has played a vital part in undergraduate days. You have given it a great deal and all that you have given has been returned a hundredfold. You have achieved a sweeter and finer womanhood through your sorority and you have labored faithfully to repay the debt of obligation to your own college generation.

"If, in the years to come, you let newer and more urgent duties and loyalties crowd out all but the memory of Sigma from your heart, we hope that you will still wear the Triangle now and then to keep alive the remembrance of a sisterly love that was once very real and precious. We would wish always to be reminded that you are our sister though you may long have been gone from the family circle. Should your days of bewilderingly complex and hurried living bring only husks to you, remember that a loving welcome awaits you always at Sigma's Shrine.

"To those more devoted sisters of the Class of 1927, who joined Sigma, not for the brief span of their college days, but for life, we older alumnae extend warmest greetings as you come to us. For four years you have devoted much of your time and thought and talent to loving labor on that richly patterned and intricately woven web that we call sorority life. The work of your college days is finished, but you will not cease to weave. You will not let your loom lie idle now that you have the skill and artistry to produce a cloth of finer texture and greater beauty! You will but transfer your enthusiasm and energy from one chapter to another. Your sphere of labor and of love has only been enlarged. You have been privileged to know and work with only a small and limited group of your sisters. Your opportunities have now grown wider. As never before,

you will realize that you belong to a great national organization. Heretofore you have belonged to Alpha or—Omega chapter of Sigma Kappa. You are now Sigma Kappas. Your provincial viewpoint has been transformed into a bigger and finer national feeling; and a limited opportunity for service enlarged until it knows, henceforth, no bounds. As an emblem of your constant love and devotion, it is fitting that you continue to wear daily throughout your life the little gold Triangle that says proudly, 'I am a Sigma Kappa.'

"As to the definite ways in which you will now as an alumna serve your sorority, the first thing you will do after commencement will be to join the nearest alumnae chapter (membership-at-large is the last resort). On account of the distance you may be able to attend only one or two meetings a year but the alumnae chapter will keep you in touch by letter with all their activities.

"In the second place, you will make sure that your correct address is always on file with your collegiate and alumnae chapters and with the *Triangle*. Our 'Lost, Strayed, or Stolen' list is too long! And, of course, you will see to it that you get every number of the *Triangle* and read it!

"Then you will go to your alumnae chapter meetings in spite of the fact that you will feel a little strange at first, for you will find a new range of subjects of conversation and new spheres of interest and activity. But you will keep right on going until you fit into the group—until you 'make yourself at home'—as the old saying quaintly and accurately describes this process of making new friendships, since it places the responsibility where it primarily belongs, on the newcomer.

"As to your relations with your own collegiate chapter or the one close at hand, you will not let yourself drift away. This is appallingly easy to do. From your more mature judgment you will often wisely advise your younger sisters, and sometimes they will listen, oftener not. If you are touchy, you will be offended when they insist on making their own mistakes; but if you are loving and wise, you will smile (constrainedly perhaps), forgive little sisters, and forget your hurt. Then you are all ready to begin the cycle again—and sometimes they will be guided!

"And you will try to help your sisters in their rushing, with solid substantial help in the kitchen and elsewhere behind the scenes; with your presence where the social ease and tact of older women can prevent awkward moments and lend prestige and dignity; and you will keep on and on as the years go by

with your recommendations of worth-while girls. Often the chapter will not accept your friends; sometimes you will almost agree with the husband who cynically said, 'I think the surest way to keep a girl out of _____ chapter is for an alumna to recommend her.' But you will just have to remember that when you were in college you couldn't get some of your best friends into the sorority and, of course, you can't now. But you can patiently and tactfully mold the sentiment of the chapter so that in most cases they will turn instinctively toward the right type of girl. You will quietly let them know that you, at least, are interested in the girl of character and ability, rather than in the girl who is merely superficially attractive.

"You can help solve the disturbing problem of the unwanted 'legacy,' if you can calmly and dispassionately lead the finest members to realize that to refuse for any except the most serious reasons, the privilege of membership to the daughter or sister of one of those older members who helped to create the chapter is to disregard the fundamental law of *noblesse oblige* by which a real aristocrat lives.

"In doing these things you will fail at times just as in all else that you undertake. But if you love your sorority and love and sympathize with your younger sisters, you will persist in your kindly offices, even at the cost of rebuffs or slights, which are usually unintentional, but if not are of trifling importance as weighed against the ultimate good of the sorority. You will find little sisters often too hurried and flurried to thank you properly for your efforts, but in the final analysis they do appreciate you—and in the doing of these good things for Sigma, there is a great reward!"

There are three reasons why the size of a freshman delegation has little relation to the size of the delegation when it reaches its senior year:

1. Men cannot afford to remain in college for a second or third year.
2. Men flunk out.
3. Men come to college merely for the sake of such social prestige as now attaches to being able to say, "When I was at dear old Hale I belonged to a swell bunch of boys."

Usually an inordinately large delegation is a reflection on the judgment of the chapter rather than a proof that the chapter is the best in college.—*Δ Y Quarterly*

They Couldn't Have Been Fraternity Girls, or, Could They?

A good Delta U swears that this story is true. He was walking by a pawn shop when he saw in the window a tray of fraternity badges. His eye was caught by the glint of a Delta U badge and he went inside the shop.

"Where did you get that fraternity pin?" he asked the pawnbroker.

"That?" asked the pawnbroker. "Oh, that. I got that in a lot of fourteen badges recently."

"How come?" asked the Delta U.

"A girl from Boston dropped into the shop and said she needed a little money. She offered me fourteen fraternity pins as collateral for a 'loan.' "

"Have many instances of that kind?" asked the Delta U.

"That Boston girl holds the record," the pawnbroker admitted, "but it isn't at all unusual to have a girl bring in two or three pins."

Of course, there's a moral to this tale but isn't it pretty obvious?

Speaking of girls and fraternity badges—as we were—reminds us of an instance reported by our veracious executive secretary. It seems that Brother Anderson met a lugubrious brother who was sadly gazing at his Delta U badge.

"Broken the clasp?" asked Brother Anderson.

"Fudge, no," said the brother—or words to that effect. "Just got it back in the mail this morning. The girl who's been wearing it sent it back with word that she didn't want it any longer as she'd just collected another Delta U pin from a bird in her home town."

Give the girl credit. At least she's sticking to Delta Upsilon.

After all, when you stop to think of it, the whole idea of giving the fraternity badge to the girl of somebody or other's dreams is pretty silly, isn't it? Of course, it's a violation of solemn vows taken at initiation. But forgetting that fact, one is impressed by the other fact that giving the pin to the present sweetheart is rather a cheap way of getting out of purchasing an engagement ring. Of course, if you have economical traits such a procedure loses its basic silliness and becomes a smart stroke of business. Heaven knows, a fellow doesn't get much of a chance to save money these days, particularly when he's rushing around with a girl.—*Δ Y Quarterly*

THE TRANSFER

A GROWING membership has made the question of "the transfer" something of a problem, but not such a one as many seem to regard it. However, it is a problem to every one concerned; to the mother chapter, to the adopted chapter, and to the transfer.

The mother chapter does not like to have her members transfer. If a girl is a strong member of the chapter, her leaving is a serious loss; if she is a weak member she misrepresents that chapter on some other campus. A chapter, and, in fact, a whole university is often judged by its transfers. Consequently, it behooves the collegiate chapters to so train a pledge in the ideals of the chapter and of the fraternity that, if she becomes a transfer, she will do them credit.

Affiliation tests the bonds of the fraternity. While the ideals of all are the same, each chapter is allowed to realize them individually. The adopted chapter must shape the new girl to its own standards. Some campuses attract a large number of transfers and it is there that the most serious problem of affiliation is encountered. A chapter has not only its own new members to assimilate, but also its transfers, and, where they number several, it requires some little thought and effort.

However, the adopted chapter has a duty to those transfers as to their own pledges. Membership in one of the national fraternities has widened the scope of obligation beyond the limits of the local chapter. As a chapter would like to have its transfers welcomed, encouraged, and made to feel at home in the East or West, so it must reciprocate in its welcome and encouragement to others. As a pledge from a different section of the country can be assimilated, so can a transfer. The local obligation of a chapter is to the pledge, the national obligation to the transfer. Neglect of transfers is a sure indication of provincialism.

Of course, there is still another obligation, that of the transfer herself. Affiliation demands cooperation. First of all the adopted chapter must affiliate and welcome, but the final burden rests with the transfer. She must both represent her mother chapter and adapt herself to her adopted one.

—*Alpha Phi Quarterly*



BETA THETA'S HOUSE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO, OCCUPIED SINCE
FEBRUARY, 1927

COLLEGE CHAPTER PRESIDENTS



Helen DeGrief - Γ



Margaret Stokely - ΒΔ



Anne Kennedy - A B



Caryl Gidley - A Π

COLLEGE CHAPTER PRESIDENTS



Ruth Althea Smith-I



Lucille Summerfield-BM



Beth Shawver-BK

COLLEGE CHAPTER PRESIDENTS



Charlotte Stone - A



Marion Worthing - AΨ



Elizabeth Merritt - AX



Elizabeth M. Ward - Δ

COLLEGE CHAPTER PRESIDENTS



Ruth R. Burr - A H



Lowene Lancelot - AP



Eleanor Richards - Σ



Dorothy Carothers - AT

COLLEGE CHAPTER PRESIDENTS



Helen C. Cole-T.



Florence Northcutt-BI



Martha Brown-Y.



Marjorie Porter-BH



Dorothy Darrah-K.



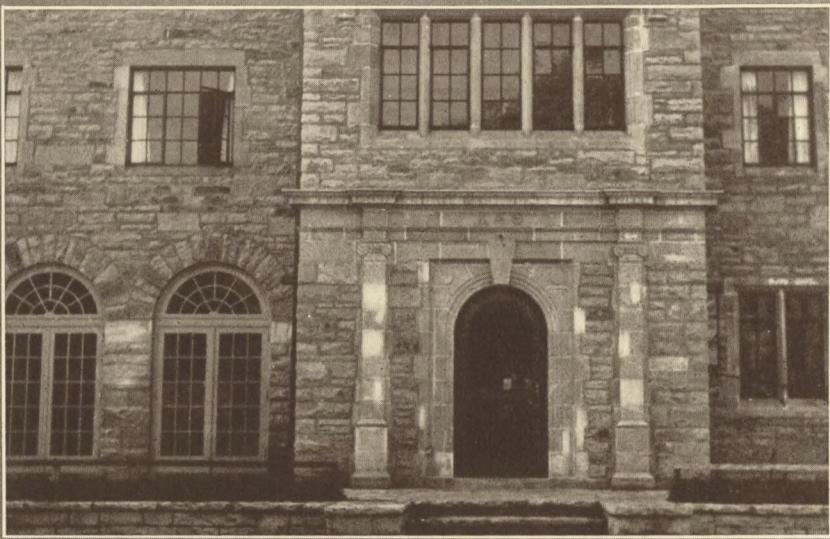
Alice Henderson-Ω



Elizabeth Fuller-BB



Virginia Davis-ΑΔ



KAPPA ALPHA THETA HOUSE, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, COMPLETED
SEPTEMBER, 1927, AS PART OF WOMEN'S QUADRANGLE
Accommodates thirty-two girls and chaperon.

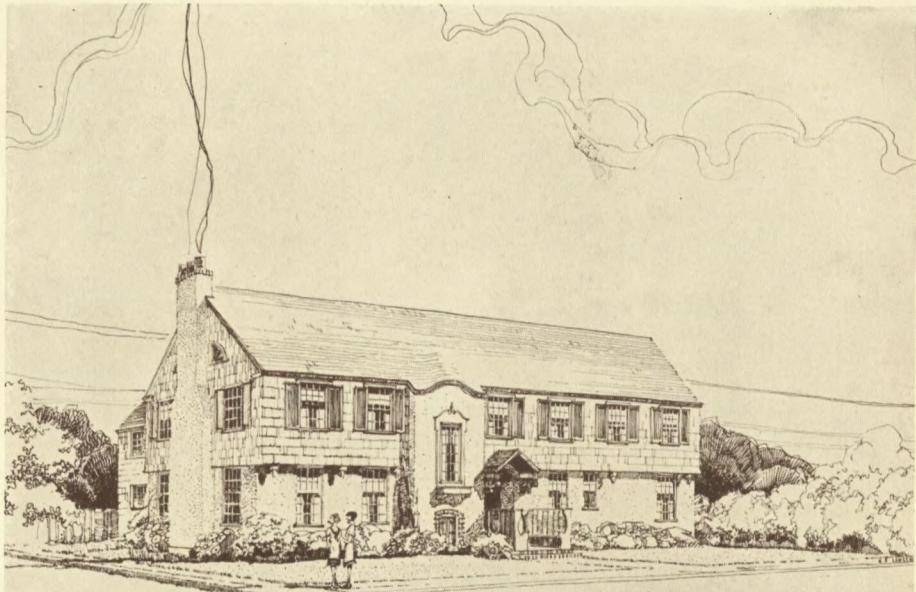


LYLA J. VINCENT YOUNG, WIFE OF THE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA

Mrs Young is a member of Phi chapter at Stanford university. Her husband's political advance from assemblyman, senator, lieutenant governor to governor has been supported continuously by Lyla's gracious social gifts and keen intellectual interest in the world. The Youngs have two daughters, Barbara, eighteen, and Lucy, fifteen.

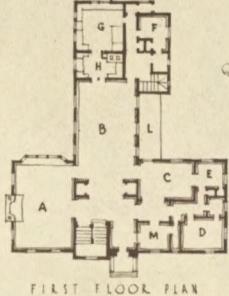


**THE LOT WHERE BETA IOTA'S HOUSE WILL STAND IN BOULDER, COLORADO.
EXCAVATION BEGAN SEPTEMBER 10**

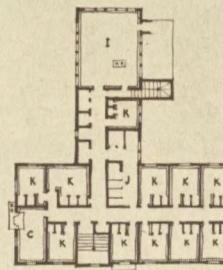
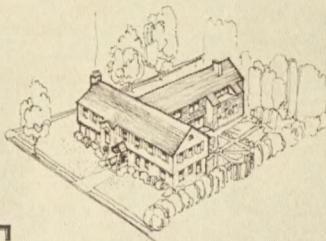


A SORORITY HOUSE FOR
KAPPA ALPHA THETA
 CORVALLIS - OREGON

LAWRENCE & KOLDFORD - ARCHITECTS
 PORTLAND - OREGON



FIRST FLOOR PLAN



SECOND FLOOR PLAN

LEGEND	
A - LIVING RM	G - KITCHEN
B - DINING RM	H - PANTRY
C - SITTING RM	I - STAIRCASE RM
D - BREAKFAST	J - WALK ROOM
E - BREAK RM	K - STUDY
F - COOK	L - TERRACE

BETA EPSILON HOUSE

Architect drawings of Beta Epsilon house, Oregon State College, Corvallis. Opened September 26, 1927. House is farm Colonial, plaster and shales, white with green shutters. Twelve studies, sleeping porch for twenty-three girls. Chaperon suite and guest room on first floor.

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS



Margaret Philbrook Neff
District II



Elizabeth Hogue Moore
District VI



Kate Adams Weaver
District VIII



Gladys Lynch
District III

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS



*Mary Bragg Hughes
District I*



*Margaret Killen Banta
District X*



*Dorothy Miller Humphrey
District XI*



*Clara Gridley Helfrich
District IX*



DISTRICT V CONVENTION, JUNE 15-18



DISTRICT V CONVENTION GROUPS, WITH RHO'S HOUSE, WHERE CONVENTION
MET, AS BACKGROUND

Note foot scraper and shutter kites.



JOINT DISTRICT IV AND VII CONVENTION AT SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

ALUMNAE CHAPTER PRESIDENTS



Beatrice Turner - St. Louis



Beth L. Van de Mark-Houston



Eleanor Carson - San Francisco

P H I L A D E L P H I A



Alice S. Perkins

I N D I A N A P O L I S



Elizabeth R. Witt



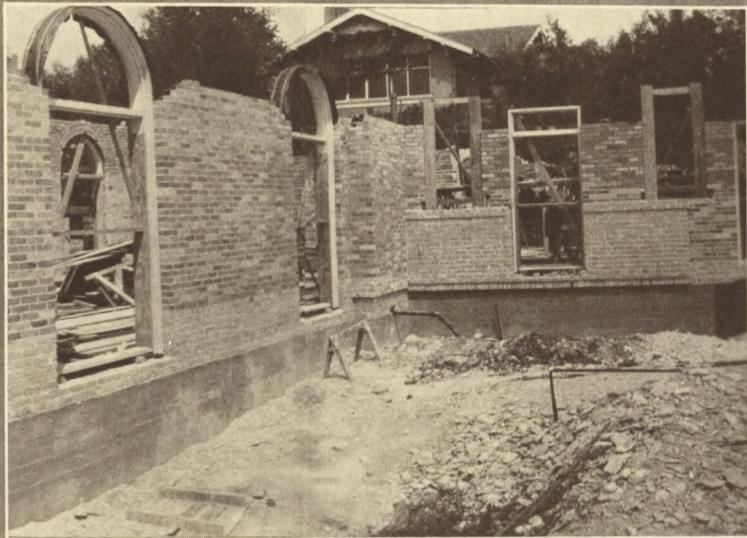
Rachel S. Poole - Syracuse



Hazel W. Dean
Burlington



Helen Waldo - New York



KAPPA ALPHA THETA HOUSE RAPIDLY RISING IN AUSTIN, TEXAS, FOR ALPHA THETA CHAPTER

On a lot long owned by the chapter—once "away out," now across street from women's dormitories.

ALUMNAE AFFAIRS

Notes

WE ARE happy to welcome another alumnae chapter this fall. A year ago the San Francisco chapter split like an amœba into two complete new chapters, and now the Twin City chapter has proved itself an amœba also. Henceforth, we have chapters both in Minneapolis and in St. Paul. In both instances the division was made in a most friendly spirit to help solve the problem of distances.

In this *Journal*, for the first time, the Theta clubs are divided, along with the college and alumnae chapters, into districts. They make an interesting study. Five districts have six clubs apiece. As a state, Texas leads with its four clubs, but California, Michigan, Oregon, and Washington are close seconds, with three each.

Four new clubs report in this issue. The following is an extract from Elsie Bain's letter about the Corvallis-Albany club: "At last we have started an alumnae club in Corvallis! We have tried for several years and at last have managed it. There are eight Thetas in Corvallis and five in Albany, which is ten miles from Corvallis, and we have joined forces and hope to be of help to Beta Epsilon. But we are a little selfish in forming the club, too—as we plan on enjoying ourselves and each other very much."

From California Mrs Helen Rider Working wrote: "The Palo Alto alumnae group would like to become a duly registered club. We have a group of approximately thirty-five women, some of whom are wives of Stanford faculty and some of townsmen. There is a very loyal nucleus of old friends, which seems unusually able to absorb the shifting group of new members always present in a college town and to foster the really kindly interest in the college chapter."

The state chairman of New Jersey had good reason to be proud of the letters she mailed to New Jersey Thetas last spring if for no other reason than the response she received from Mrs Clara Pease Newton (Lambda 1880). Mrs. Newton called together the Thetas in the towns near her home in New Brunswick and they have organized as the Central New Jersey Theta club.

From Yakima, Washington, Mrs Sam Sherman sent in the club dues for 1927-28 and reported that the twenty-four Thetas

who are now meeting monthly in Yakima hope to become an alumnae chapter next year. We welcome them now as a club and shall be glad to do so later as a chapter.

Other club groups are organizing but not in time to be announced as this *Journal* goes to press. As I say always, "May their tribe increase!"

HOPE DAVIS MECKLIN

Club News

A group of Theta alumnae spent the afternoon of June 11 at the home of Mrs May Chase Freeborn in Davis, California. Those present were—May Chase Freeborn, Omega; Marion Bottsford, Gamma; Mabel Pound Adams, Alpha Beta; Helen Little Robertson, Alpha Nu; Antonia Hyatt, Phi; Helen Hanna, Alpha; Fanny Aline Smyser, Alpha; Grace Allen Pope, Psi; Edith Ravenscroft Ellis, Alpha; Phyllis Hyatt Gardiner, Phi. All but Mrs Freeborn, of Davis, live in Sacramento.

Founders'-day was also commemorated by this group at a luncheon at the home of Phyllis Hyatt Gardiner and Antonia Hyatt, at which the guest of honor was Mrs C. C. Young (Lyla Vincent) wife of California's new governor, who is an alumna of Phi chapter.

PHYLLIS HYATT GARDINER

Albion club met August 18 with Mary G. Raymond at the Alpha Tau Omega house where she is House-mother. The meeting was called so all might have a chance to meet Belle McPhereson, on a year's leave from her position as supervisor of an American girls' school at Curityba, Brazil, where she has been for fourteen years. Announcement was made at this meeting of the expected arrival of Mabel Bliss McLean from Ludington, Michigan, with her triplets, Raymond, Roy and Meredith, who will enter as freshmen in Albion college. Mrs McLean will live in Albion during the college life of her children.

Presidents of Alumnae Chapters 1927-1928

Appleton, Baltimore, Berkeley, Bloomington, Boston, elections not reported.

Burlington alumnae with much enthusiasm introduces its new president, Hazel Warden Dean. Hazel is petite, dark-haired, peppy. Although she has lived in Burlington only three years, she has made her presence much felt in fraternity affairs, and is beloved by Lambda actives as well as by us alumnae.

Her big white house near the Vermont campus has been the scene of several rushing parties, and Hazel has herself been a great help in critical moments. Prominent accessories of her usual mise-en-scene are the two huge white Siberian reindeer dogs—and her author-husband, professor at the University of Vermont, who contributes to many periodicals.

Still a question as to who is leading Champaign-Urbana, Chicago, and Columbus alumnae this year.

Cincinnati alumnae president, Cornelia P. Atkins.

Cleveland alumnae elected as leader for 1927-28, Helen Stafford Craig.

Dallas alumnae will be led this year by Jean Figh Crawford.

Denver, Des Moines, Detroit, Evanston elections have not been reported.

Gary's president continues to be Marien Swezey, known to many Thetas as a visitor, or delegate, to many national conventions; known to this chapter as its organizer and chief mainstay, in spite of her time and strength consuming job as head of Gary hospital.

Greencastle's president is Lenore Alleman Briggs, the mother of five Theta daughters, the youngest a sophomore now in Alpha. She is efficient, intensely loyal, broad in her community interests, a born leader. We respect her ideals, her consistency, and admire her constructive policy.

Houston's president, Annie Beth Lockett Van De Mark, became an invaluable member of Houston alumnae a month after she ceased to be an active member of Alpha Theta. She is particularly interested in the welfare work of Houston alumnae in which work she demonstrated her executive ability, her determination, and willingness to work, three characteristics which were largely responsible for her selection as chapter president for 1927-28.

Indianapolis will have as presiding officer during 1927-28 Elizabeth Rippetoe Witt.

Ithaca will have the leadership of Louise Roux Jones, who was its delegate at the San Francisco convention.

Kansas city, Lincoln, Los Angeles, Madison, and Milwaukee, also failed to report elections.

Nashville has chosen as president Marjorie Shapard Polk, who also represented the chapter at District convention in June.

New York is fortunate in having as its president Helen Waldo, who is well known in the literary and advertising world as associate editor of *John Martin's book*. She is also well known

in musical circles of this city, being gifted with a beautiful contralto voice. She specializes in folk and children's songs, her wonderful personality lending an unusual charm to her singing.

Who is president at New Orleans, Oklahoma, Omaha?

Pasadena congratulates itself that it is to have as president Evelyn Flowers Sykes, who is in all respects a worthy successor to Margaret House Judd, its eager and capable first president. Evelyn's administrative ability is only one of her many talents; she has great personal charm; with her husband she takes a vital interest and part in the affairs of Whittier, where they live.

Philadelphia's president is Alice Sullivan Perkins. She is a most capable and popular leader of this live and enthusiastic chapter; and a woman of varied interests. Alice has a keen sense of social obligations, a poise of character and repose of manner that are among her assistances in numerous philanthropic enterprises.

Pittsburgh, Portland, Providence, Rochester, South Side, Seattle, Spokane, have yet to report elections, too.

St Louis installed as president Beatrice Turner, active in this chapter for the two years since her graduation from the University of Wisconsin, serving last year as chairman for banquet and as manager of the Christmas card sale.

San Francisco alumnae is to be felicitated upon having Eleanor Carson Batte as president. Every one who was at the last convention knows of her ability, as everywhere Thetas still talk of the Spanish dinner, for which she was sponsor and director. Mrs Batte's enthusiasm is catching, and under her leadership a chapter must *grow* in numbers, zealous activity, and prestige. Her husband is a true Theta sympathizer, and we must pay a tribute to his interest in us all. Eleanor has carried into the world as a citizen, churchwoman, and in social life, that attribute of the moral code which to all Thetas is the highest ideal.

Rachel Sumner Poole will preside over Syracuse alumnae.

And still we miss even the names of the presidents of Tacoma, Topeka, Toronto, Twin cities, Washington, and Wichita alumnae chapters.

How to Keep Up Alumnae Interest

(Presented before District II and X joint convention)

The problem of keeping up alumnae interest differs, of course, with the location of your alumnae chapter. Where a college

chapter and an alumnæ chapter are situated in the same town or city, there's no difficulty whatever in interesting the alumnæ. Rather, I should say, there is difficulty at times in *disinteresting* them! It is easy to become enthusiastic over a grand new Theta house; or to be united over some wonderful freshman whom everyone is trying to get; or even to become virtuously excited about some matter of contemplated discipline. Oh, there are many avenues of interest for the alumnæ chapter in a college town!

But it is in dead earnest that we alumnæ of isolated chapters talk on "How to keep up alumnæ interest." And having had personal experience in several such chapters, and intimate knowledge of as many more, I should say *emphatically*, "Choose a worthy cause *outside* of your fraternity, and work like the dickens for it." As we grow older, our ideas of fraternities becomes more vague: we aren't so sure of Theta's inalienable right to rule above all others. The tremors and fears and exaltations of college days have long since faded away, and we discover in ourselves a group of (presumably) intelligent women held together by a common bond, and possessing ability to do some good, if the opportunity be found.

Milwaukee alumnæ chapter is especially fortunate in having the University Settlement and our beloved Belle Austin Jacobs to spend energy and love and faith upon. Each year, outside of our regular dues, we raise over one hundred dollars which goes to the Settlement and the Scholarship fund. Considering that there are only twenty-one active Thetas in Milwaukee, that isn't such a poor showing.

Next in importance, I should say, is to *educate your alumnæ while they are still in college*. Sell your alumnæ chapter so well to college Thetas that they will hardly be able to wait to join!

Lay more stress upon the national character of the fraternity. We are a *nation-wide*, rather an *inter-nation-wide* organization, and too many of us narrow our vision and our interest to local affairs.

Be careful in the selection of your officers. Lackadaisical officers mean a broken down morale in your alumnæ chapter.

And last, but not least, don't overlook publicity. Probably the best investment that we as a fraternity might make would be the hiring of a Theta Advertising manager to tell about our conventions; the Scholarship fund; well-known Thetas.

ROXY SMITH BREMNER, Milwaukee alumnæ

INTRODUCING NEW DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

(See also pictures in Pictorial section)

MARGARET PHILBROOK NEFF (Mrs P. J.) is the new president in District II, already known to all who attended the joint District convention in Madison, Wisconsin, as she made her first official appearance at that event.

A graduate of the University of Kansas, where she was a member of Kappa chapter, Margaret Philbrook's home was in Kansas City, where an alumnae chapter of Theta had been established the year she was a K.U. senior. Returning from college she immediately joined the alumnae chapter, and, a few years later, was its national convention delegate. Soon after her marriage she moved to St Louis, where she was active in St Louis alumnae, serving one year as president, and another as convention delegate, also acting as chairman of Commissary for St Louis convention.

Then she moved to Texas, and after a few years to Dallas, in which latter city she was again identified with an alumnae chapter of Theta, and again served an alumnae chapter as convention delegate. Now she again lives in St Louis and is again active in Theta activities of that city's alumnae chapter.

Mrs Neff has three daughters, and, to quote her, "Mr Neff and I are both crazy about our girls."

In District III the new president is Miss Gladys Lynch. If a varied college experience makes for understanding sympathies, Miss Lynch surely has them, for she was a freshman at Ohio Wesleyan—before Theta had a charter there—a sophomore at Wooster college—where she became a Theta—and spent her upperclass years at the University of Michigan—where she affiliated with Eta, who always speaks of her as one of its own alumnae.

Specializing in French as an undergraduate, Miss Lynch afterwards studied at the French school at Middlebury, Vermont, and then abroad in France. She teaches French in the Highland Park high school, where for ten years she has been an active member of Detroit alumnae.

Every one who was at the San Francisco convention will recognize the picture, if the name is unfamiliar, of District VI's new president, Elizabeth Hogue Moore (Mrs H. S.), as she was chairman of the hostess committees and a charming speaker at the first session. Following her graduation at Stanford, where she was four years active in Phi, Elizabeth studied nursing. In her profession she rose to the position of superintendent of the hospitals of the Stanford medical school, with the rank of pro-

fessor in its graduate school for nurses. Then she married Dr Moore, and since has given her spare time to civic duties, and her "ranch," where pears grow in superabundance.

Always gracious and friendly, Mrs Moore has that sympathetic interest that leads all the young people to confide in her, even about things of which they know she disapproves. And Mrs Moore responds to such confidences, because, to quote her, "I am intrigued by anything about girls."

Down in the Southwest, District VIII has a devoted and unselfish president, who is enthusiastic about the fraternity and about "my girls," as all members of the college chapters are to her. This is Kate Adams Weaver, a charter member of Beta Zeta, a member of Kansas City alumnae chapter until she moved to Texas. There she organized the Fort Worth alumnae club, has been a leader in its development and influence, as well as a constructive worker in the unique Fort Worth Panhellenic.

Clara Gridley Helfrich (Mrs A. H.) is a graduate of the University of Illinois, an initiate of Delta chapter, but so long a resident in Portland that District IX calls her one of its own. She is an outstanding figure among all Oregon Thetas, and also well known to many others who attended the San Francisco convention. Her winning smile and ready wit endear her alike to young and old. In addition to such a charming personality, she is a most efficient Clara—as witness her term as president of Portland alumnae and her success as delegate to convention. Both alumnae and college chapters are looking forward to even greater achievements under her able leadership.

OLIVE B. GRAY

In rushing I get up by night
And rush by yellow candle-light,
I keep it up the same old way,
And do not go to bed till day.

I have to go to class and see
My patient profs all glare at me,
I have no time to work or eat,
I have so many girls to meet.

And does it not seem hard to you,
When all the year is fresh and new,
And I should like so much to play,
To have to rush both night and day?

—CLARA LYNN FITCH

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

Since Easter all districts, except IX, have gathered in convention. It is rumored District IX will have a convention some time before Christmas.

Districts IV and VII led off with a joint convention at Swarthmore the end of March. The story of this reunion was told in the May issue.

District VI had the next meeting in Los Angeles in April. For its story you must turn to the chapter letters of District VI chapters in the May issue as copy sent the editor-in-chief went astray somewhere.

Below you will find the story of other conventions, except the gatherings of Districts III and V, though we have been so fortunate as to get pictures for you of the latter. Perhaps next issue may contain fuller accounts.

District I

"Theta Means More to Us Every Day . . . "

WITH Theta gold in the moon and Theta black in the velvet of a starlit sky over the darkened, soft waters of Lake Wawasee, and soft music floating out from the orchestra playing for the dance in the South Shore inn, the convention of District I was brought to a close—but—why do I start out with the end of the convention when every minute of it was crammed full of enthusiasm and good times for all? The four chapters of us from the state of Indiana, Alpha, Beta, Gamma, and Alpha Chi, already bound together by geographical proximity and Theta spirit, gained new contacts and friendships among ourselves in those brief few days spent together in northern Indiana. The South Shore inn is small. The dates of the convention, June 9, 10, and 11, were previous to the opening of the social season for the hotel. We had it almost all to ourselves. Only a few early cottagers on the lake disturbed our Theta atmosphere.

Mrs J. D. Hughes, jr. indefatigable worker and president of the district, preceded most of us to the inn and she, Fern Brendel Metzger, and Roxana Thayer Smith, all of Gamma, were there to welcome Thetas when most of us arrived sometime on Thursday. An informal dinner and bridge party that night, under direction of Alpha Chi, made us acquainted and we were soon able to tell the girls apart, other than by the dresses they wore. Butler and Purdue led the list in numbers of members present, among the twenty-five or thirty who were consecutively at the convention.

Despite the black eye that most people have given to the boredom of business meetings, the informality of the one held by Mrs Hughes on Friday morning, interested us and we all were able to join in the discussion of chapter problems. Good suggestions, some not so good, and many ideas, were free on all sides and each chapter had an opportunity to tell how things are handled back at its own particular college. Alpha Chi conducted a model pledge meeting, Beta led the discussion on rushing, and Alpha led the discussion concerning freshmen. A similar business meeting was held Saturday morning in the hotel parlors with Alpha introducing the subject of scholarship; Gamma, that of Courtesy week instead of Hell week; and Alpha Chi, the choice of officers and rush captain.

Such delightful places as there are to see around the South Shore inn! In the interim between business meetings, meals, and conferences, most of us drove at least part way around the lake, took walks, ventured as far as Lake Webster, and took the gasoline launch around Lake Wawasee. On one of these trips around the lake we discovered that our boat trip covered a distance of 18 miles, and that when one drives around the lake it is 27 miles. It was cool and lovely all the time we were at convention, almost too cold to swim, but some of the girls tried it.

Beta had charge of a formal dinner Friday night, and we sat spellbound as Fern Brendel Metzger sang the *Theta Prayer* with her full rich voice. Theta bar pins of hammered silver were the favors of the convention and were passed out during this dinner. Each of us felt the spirit of Theta permeating the atmosphere, and many of us seniors, for the last time active in a college chapter, felt lumps come to our throats at the words, "Theta, hear our prayer—Make us true and loyal." We did not cling together as chapters alone at District I's convention. We intermingled; in the dining room, dancing to the victrola in the hall now and then, in our rooms. Chapter lines disappeared in a measure. We were Thetas. We had this common bond.

Boys began arriving for the dance Saturday night and many girls drove up just for the dance. The convention was made up largely of undergraduates. Gamma secured music for the dance and it was oh! so nice, from eight to twelve. The lights went out all over the hotel about eleven o'clock and we had to dance by candle light for a little while. But any sort of inconvenience could not dampen the ardor of District I. Not many

of us had ever attended a District convention before, but we feel that the one at Lake Wawasee was about the best ever, and it seemed mighty wonderful to us. We owe a lot of "Thank you's" to Mrs Hughes, our fairy godmother and conceiever of nice things for us. And most of all we owe to Theta, Kappa Alpha Theta, the mother spirit and "constant guide—Oh! Theta dear!"

MARY MARGARET KERN, *Alpha Chi*

Districts II and X

A stray seat in a bus, many an auto, ranging from a Ford to a Packard, and the poor man's buggy, alias feet, brought Thetas, 104 of them, to the joint convention of Districts II and X. Convention was at the lovely white Italian home of Psi, on the banks of beautiful Lake Mendota in Madison, Wisconsin. Thetas filled the house and overflowed the Villa Maria, a picturesque girls' dormitory directly opposite. All were ready to superfill three days with exciting pleasures and business.

Most of us arrived just in time for the delightful buffet luncheon awaiting us at the chapter house. The first event was a launch ride on Lake Mendota, which came to a riotous ending in the downpour that came unexpectedly. Just as one commences a perfect summer day with a dip, so did we receive stimulus from this soaking and returned to the house eager to make convention a success. It was not hard to keep up enthusiasm, for the Madison Thetas, both college and alumnae, were perfect hostesses.

Soon came alumnae to hurry us off as their guests on a delightful ride through the campus and then to a tea in Lathrop hall where we met Mrs Frank, wife of the president of the University of Wisconsin, and Miss Nardine, Dean of women.

Dinner at the chapter house followed, and after it a stunt show in which all took part. Mrs Grasett and Mrs Banta, champion stunt performers, are looking for new fields wherein to play their specialty, *Little red riding hood*. Mrs Grasett's only property need is a fur piece.

All were well prepared for the first business meeting Thursday morning. It was a splendid session. Memories that had been renewed by the fun of the previous day were doubly vivid as each delegate acquainted us with the workings of her chapter.

After being a few years out of college it was much easier to "listen in" at the afternoon meeting, the one on finance and perhaps the seriousness of it helped us to relax for the big event—the formal banquet, at the Lorraine hotel.

Banquet, too, was a great success. We were fortunate to hear there from—a national officer, Mrs Grasett, Grand treasurer, formerly president of District II; Mrs Neiswanger, chairman of the Education committee; Bonnie Marshall, Iowa state chairman; the new president of District II, Mrs Neff; and District X's own enthusiastic president, Mrs Banta. It is wonderful what association does for one. The influence of the Milwaukee contingent was so potent that it permeated the entire convention.

The following excerpts are from the discussion on rushing. "Why our rushees are not *allowed* to take anything home with them." "At this progressive dinner they served the most outlandish food." "If you have a doorway in your house, it is very clever to do this—." "At a plantation dinner we had waiters and two colored mammies for refreshments." "Iowa city—'we are still learning to rush'."

The convention was brought to a close Friday morning by all forming a circle and singing the *Chain song*. Thus 104 Thetas departed for the east, west, north, and south, inspired with new ideas, higher ideals, and enriched by friendships made and renewed.

District II will be joint hostess with District X for national convention next July.

ERMA W. FOX

District VIII

Members of eleven chapters launched a three-day biennial convention of District VIII on June 12 at the Texas hotel in Fort Worth. In addition to representatives of Alpha Theta, Alpha Omicron, and Beta Zeta, the three college chapters in District VIII; initiates of Beta Mu, Phi, Alpha Iota, Tau, Beta, Delta, Alpha Zeta, and Beta Beta attended the meetings. The official delegates were Sally Humlong, Alpha Theta; Polly Cowan, Beta Zeta; Audine Drew, Alpha Omicron; Mrs Ina Johnson Kidd, Oklahoma city alumnae; Mrs Phyllis Tenny Nowlin, Fort Worth club; Mrs Jean Figh Crawford, Dallas alumnae; Gertrude Holt, Stillwater club; and Dorothy Whitehurst, Houston alumnae.

The district was most fortunate in having Miss Green as Council representative. Her close touch with the fraternity as a national organization made her ideas and suggestions most helpful and interesting. Mrs Weaver presided, while Gertrude Holt served as convention secretary. Mrs Nowlin, president of Fort

Worth club, opened the convention with a welcome address to which Ruth Livermore, Alpha Omicron, responded on behalf of the visiting Thetas.

Helpful discussions of Panhellenic relations and requirements, rushing, pledge problems and education, duties of chapter officers, campus activities and relations between alumnae and college chapters occupied the morning hours devoted to business sessions. At the afternoon round-tables problems peculiar to the individual chapters and to the alumnae groups were considered.

The social phase of the convention was most ably taken care of by Fort Worth Theta club and their assistant hostesses. A jolly picnic at Lake Worth featuring special stunts by the college chapters, a Panhellenic tea, and Mrs Weaver's luncheon for the leaders of the convention, were followed by a beautiful formal banquet on Tuesday night at the Woman's club. The central decoration was an effective electrical Theta pin, while plate favors were bisque Texas Longhorn heads. Mrs Weaver, Mrs Nowlin, Miss Rodman and Miss Green contributed to the success of the inspirational toast program which gave each of us there a "faith newborn" in our fraternity and a new appreciation of the true worth and merit of Kappa Alpha Theta.

DOROTHY WHITEHURST, *Houston alumnae*

District XI

Alpha Eta's chapter house was the meeting place for District XI in June, with a dormitory across the street for sleeping quarters. A convention program that seemed planned to fill every moment from the evening of June 4 to late at night on June 7 was combined with an attempt to attend many of the Commencement week festivities of Vanderbilt university, so you may know we were busy all day and night too, it would seem.

An interesting feature of the three business sessions, were the question form of roll calls, one each morning. Here are the questions delegates answered as chapters were named in roll calls—a different question each session. How many pledges made during last three years, how many of them were initiated, how many of them are still in college? What are your college rushing rules? What are Panhellenic standards for initiation on your campus, and what are your chapter standards? And for the alumnae chapters—What is the outstanding thing your chapter has done this year? What aid does your chapter give the

college chapter during rushing? How does your chapter celebrate Founders'-day?

The usual discussions of chapter problems, from pledges to finance, filled the session hours, each subject introduced by one delegate and discussed freely by all present. These discussions were deepened and broadened by the presence as guests at convention of girls from Goucher and Randolph-Macon. The Grand council was represented by the Grand secretary, Miss Green, while sessions were presided over by the enthusiastic and beloved District president, Mrs Humphrey.

And for social diversion—there was the sing on Sunday evening; the never to be forgotten picnic at the camp of "Miss Stella," the dance Alpha Eta gave with its alluring music, and the stately, hilarious (yes, it was both of these) banquet at the Country club, where convention and Alpha Eta's seventeen graduating seniors shared the honors, and where Evelyn Polk Norton conducted a most whimsical and delightful program.

Beta Nu sent Annie Mary Moore as delegate; Alpha Phi's delegate was Mary Sanders and with her came Daisy Staples and Virginia Colville; Bess Brown was delegate for Alpha Eta; Mary Kitchen represented New Orleans alumnae; Marjorie Shapard Polk, Nashville alumnae; and Margaret Rogers Law, Atlanta alumnae club.

PRAYERS OF THE DUES-DODGER

I am not much good at prayers but I like their object, namely, to wheedle favors from your Divine Self. On any other occasion but this I would deny that I am the sort of parasitic fungus that wants "something for nothing." But that is the plain truth. I might say I am quite proud of my vile reputation. I have successfully evaded payment of my dues and assessments for months; even my board bill is overdue. It is proper therefore that I thank my fraters for allowing me to impose on their generosity so long. The facilities for which they honestly paid, I wrongfully enjoy; the food they have bought I have eaten; the house they rent I occupy. Do I intend to pay for these things? Not if I can help it. I am too much of a cad to care a rap if the fraternity goes into a hole because of my tactics.

So long as my fraters are fools enough to tolerate me and my kind; to allow what is properly a business arrangement to be abused by adventurers like myself, the chapter will suffer from

tangled finances and a hand-to-mouth existence. If I had more intelligence I might be astonished at my fraters' gullibility—at their belief that I and my disreputable tribe will come across some time and will experience a change of heart. Don't they know I can't take a hint—I don't want to. Don't they know that of all my debts I intend to pay the fraternity *last* because it is soft-hearted enough to allow me to do so? If I had a *good* reason for asking them to carry my account for months or years their kindness might be justified; but I have *no* good reason. I have no decent principles—despite my apparent respectability. That I may be under obligation to the chapter or may owe it a moral duty has as little weight with me as the fact that I am really under a *legal* obligation to pay. I find it to be much more pleasant to blow five dollars on a heavy date or lose it at cards than to pay it for board or dues. And I have the courage to act according to my desires. *Besides, I am quite confident my fraters will do nothing about it.*—T Δ Φ Pyramid

The Best Way to Run an Alumnæ Chapter—Into the Ground

1. By all means stay away from the meetings.
2. Should you weaken, and go, go late.
3. If the weather doesn't suit your mood, or the meeting is in an inconvenient place, dismiss the idea of going without further ado.
4. Do not allow the officers and members to go away from any meeting you attend, without hearing your frank criticism of the work they are doing.
5. Decline any chapter office; it is so much easier and safer to criticize when you are not one of the doers.
6. Should you be appointed on any committee, find it impossible to attend the committee meetings; but do not fail to express your grievance if you never do get an appointment.
7. Whenever an expression of opinion is called for, always reply that you have nothing to say. You can always tell the girls after the meeting just what should have been done.
8. Do only those things you absolutely cannot avoid; but do not fail to apply the name "clique" to such members as put forth some effort to carry on.
9. If possible, avoid paying dues; if you must pay, pay late.
10. Never put yourself to any trouble to interest new Delta

Zetas in the chapter; that is the membership committee's work; let them do it!

11. Howl at every change that National proposes to make; show the others just what a fatal mistake is being made.

12. Shun any reading matter which might keep you in touch with your college, your chapter, or your fraternity. It might necessitate some change in your ideas.— Δ Z Lamp

The Ideal Alumnae Chapter

Is organized as well as the college chapter. Has definite committees with definite work assigned. Each committee reports at each meeting.

Has a definite program of raising money, and a fixed budget for the year's expenses.

Is interested in the nearest college chapter's scholarship and student activities, and offers prizes for proficiency in each.

Devotes part of each meeting to study topics, so that each member will be well informed on all phases of sorority work.

Publishes a news-letter at a cost-price for its out-of-town members.

Entertains the pledges, the seniors, and if possible the entire college chapter, at least once each year.

Supports the national philanthropic and scholarship funds.

Does its share in Panhellenic work, and has a report from the Panhellenic delegate at each meeting.

Welcomes out-of-town alumnae at any of its meetings.

Makes a strenuous effort to locate every member of the sorority living in the community and extends each one an invitation to join, and has someone call for the new member to take her to the first few meetings so that she will not stay away through shyness.—*Exchange*

THETAS YOU'D ENJOY KNOWING

AN ECOLOGIST

THE major article in the *National geographic magazine* for May, 1927 is, *Wild flowers of the west* with 206 illustrations in full color. The illustrations are a joy, especially to those of us who have known these flowers in their home woods and mountains. Among them, too, are many familiar friends that grow over the entire country.

What is of special interest to Thetas is the fact that both article and illustrations are from the pen of a Theta, Edith Schwartz Clements. Mrs Clements is the author of a number of botanical monographs, and joint author with her husband, Frederick E. Clements, of others, many of them illustrated, too, by Mrs Clements. Judging by the sketches in *Who's who in America* it would be difficult to decide which is the more famous, Mr or Mrs Clements—perhaps an equality of renown, like the equality in their work, is the fairest conclusion. Both are ecologists, both are members of the staff of the Carnegie institution, spending most of their winters at the Desert laboratory in Arizona and their summers at the Alpine laboratory in Colorado. Mrs Clements is in addition an artist, illustrator scientific.

As to biographic facts, Mrs Clements, as Edith Swartz, was initiated by Rho chapter when an undergraduate at the University of Nebraska. From that institution she holds both AB and PhD degrees, and there was elected to both Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi.

A LEAGUE OF WORLD DOLLS

Mrs Jessie Wright Whitecomb, of Topeka, writes a correspondent of *The Topeka daily capital*, has found that one interesting way to become acquainted with the people of other lands is by making a collection of their dolls. Many curious doll customs are seen throughout the world; some of which are closely interwoven with various national traditions in an interesting way. Mrs Whitecomb has accumulated a family of 150 dolls, representing practically every important country on the globe.

These are dolls in the collection from China, Japan, Syria, Russia, Spain, France, Germany, Switzerland, England, Cuba, Alaska, Sweden, Alsace-Lorraine, Italy, Hawaii, the Philippines,

South America and many other countries. There is a Pueblo Indian ceremonial doll, a walking French doll, a dancing Chinese doll and a diving doll equipped with a hatchet for cutting away sea weed.

Mrs Whitecomb has herself been in most of the countries represented and so picked up the toys in her journeys. Her six children also are much traveled, and have sent home additional members for the doll colony when in foreign lands. And so the assortment has grown until it now is one of the most interesting of its kind anywhere to be seen.

American dolls of all kinds are there, too. It is well known that the United States is one of the leading doll-making countries of the world. Some of the finest dolls made here are the Shoen-huts, with wrists, ankles, knees, elbows, necks, and hips by finely fitted ball-and-socket joints instead of wires or strings.

Mrs Whitecomb has five little figures carved of wood by Russian peasants and painted in gay colors. A man and a woman representing peasants of Ecuador, were carved and painted by natives of that country. There is a French clown; two Swiss dolls, one dressed as a school girl holding a red umbrella and with a canteen swung over her shoulder; and the other a goose-girl.

One doll made by the mountaineers of Tennessee, wears a long dress which can be flopped upside down to reveal another head and pair of arms. A little Japanese doll representing a soldier is considered one of the choice figures of the group. There is a damsel dressed in the coat-of-arms of Munich; another dressed by the suffragettes of England in 1912, and bearing their colors of green, white and purple.

Two interesting models of the family were made by Khathe Kruse, of Germany. Mrs Kruse was the wife of a sculptor who decided that his three daughters should not have dolls. Remembering her own childhood pleasures, Mrs Kruse thought better and made dolls for the girls herself from towels stuffed with sand. Then other ways of making them came to her until she became noted for her dolls.

Of all the festivals of Japan the one that is dearest to the hearts of Japanese children is the annual doll festival in March, when the girls, dressed in their best clothes, serve their parents and friends with dignity and formality, visit each other with gifts and place their dolls on display. This festival has been celebrated for 1,000 years, and has had a great influence in inspiring the daughters with the ideals of home love.

—*New York Herald-Tribune*, May 29, 1927

Mrs Whitcomb is a "distinguished Theta," a scholarly lawyer, a writer of numerous books for children, a witty speaker, a delightful friend, a loyal alumna of Lambda chapter at the University of Vermont.

AN INTERVIEW WITH TIRZA ANN DINSDALE, *Alpha Psi*

Tirza Ann Dinsdale has been in North America for the last six months, but she feels more at home in Santiago, Chile, where for five years she has been general secretary of the Y.W.C.A.

"You've no idea how strange everything in this part of the world seems to me," she said as we chatted in her brother's home in Portland, Oregon.

"The only place in the United States in which I've felt really at home is Eugene. I love it. I enjoyed so much my recent visit to the campus. It was wonderful to meet so many old friends."

Tirza Dinsdale was Y.W.C.A. secretary at the University from 1916 to 1919 and from 1920 to 1921. The hundreds of students who knew her then will never forget her buoyancy of spirit, her charm and enthusiasm. She would much rather talk about her friends than about herself. So interested is she in knowing all about former Oregon students that we found it hard to talk consecutively about Chile.

Life in North American cities seems to interest her almost as much as if she were seeing it from a foreigner's standpoint. In fact, she feels almost as much a foreigner in this country now as she did when she arrived in Chile in the fall of 1921.

The abundance of clocks here fascinate her. She is constantly surprised to see so many. They symbolize for her the hectic rush of city life in North America.

"The people in South American countries know the meaning of eternity," she says. "In the United States I feel as if everyone were caught in a machine. When I talk with business men and women I have a feeling that I must apologize for taking even a few minutes of their time."

"The physical comfort in which people here live is wonderful and I notice everywhere signs of great wealth. There is wealth in Chile, too, but it does not seem so obvious there."

One of the differences between the two countries which Miss Dinsdale noticed when she landed in New York last November, was the large scale method of carrying on "campaigns" here.

"It seemed to me," she said, "that I couldn't pick up a

newspaper without reading 'Drive for 200,000 members,' 'To raise a million dollars.'

"In Chile the approach is just the opposite. We ask girls who are interested in becoming members of the association to learn everything possible about the organization before applying for membership. We are not interested in numbers."

It is pioneer work which Miss Dinsdale is carrying on in Santiago. That is one reason it appeals to her so much. Three years before she went to Chile, another Y.W. secretary had been sent out from New York headquarters to survey the field. It is interesting to know that the Y.W. never establishes an association unless it is requested and then only after careful investigation to be sure it is needed and can be of real help.

The "Asociacion Christiana Femenina" began in Santiago in a small way among a group of young women students at the University of Chile. Since then it has expanded until it performs many varieties of service and numbers among its membership women of all ages.

The greatest of care was exercised in starting the Asociacion in order that its purpose should not be misunderstood. It was difficult for many to realize that the organization did not have a "propaganda" motive behind it.

"The asociacion is not doctrinal," said Miss Dinsdale, "but we have never sidestepped the Christian basis. Gradually we won the confidence of those about us. Some of our most loyal members are devout Catholics.

"From the first we urged the girls to feel that the asociacion is really theirs. After all, the secretaries, who are maintained by the New York office, are but guests in the country. Later probably we shall not be needed. Our aim is to train leaders for the work from among the young women of Chile.

"We try to look at everything from the viewpoint of the members and to proceed in the manner to which they are accustomed. We do not superimpose North American methods. I think one of the difficulties in carrying on any kind of work in a foreign country is lack of understanding of one another's point of view."

For that reason, Miss Dinsdale sacrificed without a qualm so-called "efficiency." She soon discovered she could not hurry in dealing with the women of Santiago.

"A girl will come into my office with some definite purpose, I am sure," she continued. "For the first half hour we carry on a polite conversation. She trusts I am well. I inquire about

the members of her family. We talk pleasantly. After the preliminary courtesies, she asks her question."

Miss Dinsdale had been somewhat prepared for this attitude by her year and a half of foreign experience with the Y.W.C.A. just after the war in Brest and in a Foyer at Naples.

The international character of the Young Women's Christian association appealed strongly to the women of Chile. A number of young women students, members of the Santiago asociacion, have gone to New York and abroad to do graduate work. Through the cooperation of the International association, they have been welcomed on their arrival in strange countries and have been aided in many ways. Enthusiastically they have written home to their parents and friends of the many kindnesses shown them. And so the asociacion has gained friends and confidence.

The idea of the asociacion was entirely new to the young women of Santiago. Three thousand of them are students in the University of Chile, including those in attendance at the professional schools of architecture, medicine, law, etc. The University is organized on the European plan. The members of the faculty are professional men. They are on the campus only when they deliver their scheduled class lectures. Supervised housing for women students was almost unknown a few years ago. There was no campus life.

The principle of organization was almost a new one to these women students. They were used to doing what they were told, not to making plans for themselves. Although brilliant students, they had seldom presided at a meeting, had rarely spoken before even a small audience. Extremely individualistic, the idea of presenting a question to a vote and abiding by the decision of the group was foreign to them.

The opportunity for economic independence presented by the asociacion has meant a great deal to these young women. They had been taught previously that earning money was beneath them, except through teaching or professional work.

The members voted, after a period of entire maintenance by New York headquarters, to make the asociacion self-supporting, except for the salaries of the secretaries. They were immediately confronted with a problem new to them. How could they raise money? One of the girls suggested a "tea concert," which has proved very popular. Among the members are many accomplished musicians. They plan a charming program, serve tea—and charge admission.

Some of the girls wanted to earn money for their own needs. The asociacion started a modified Woman's exchange where the girls sell handiwork of many kinds. Members act as guides and interpreters for visiting Americans, do office work, etc. All this opened a new vista to these girls who had felt before that there was little in store for them except the lives mapped out by their families.

The influence of the asociacion in giving young women a new philosophy of life is well expressed in a letter which Miss Dinsdale received from one of the members who had gone to Columbia university from Santiago.

"I have acquired a spirit of optimism and happiness which I did not have before," translated Miss Dinsdale from the Spanish girl's letter. "I have acquired faith and confidence in the future, I have learned to interest myself in the people around me and not to live as I had done before in a cold indifference; I have learned to see the fine qualities rather than the defects in others. This is not imagination. I write this from my heart."

Miss Dinsdale found the women ambitious and eager for travel and wider opportunities. Both the men and women students, she feels, are more interested in life around them than are the young people of North America. Students in Chile take part in political demonstrations and strikes, and follow closely economic, industrial and social conditions. Some of them teach in workers' night school classes.

They are interested in reforms and changes in curriculum, just as are the students of northern countries. Several months ago, students at the University of Chile refused to attend classes until certain of their demands were met.

A trip to the United States is the goal of many of the students. The asociacion is assisting the girls by offering classes in English and other subjects, to which both older and younger girls are welcome.

Miss Dinsdale is home on a year's leave. She will spend part of the time with her sister, Ida Dinsdale Strand (Mrs David), Alpha Xi, who is living in Berkeley, California.—*Old Oregon*, May '27

BACK TO THE FARM

"Miss Ann Fisher and Miss Alice Peck, both college trained experts in farming, gardening, and domestic science, have managed Cedar Brow farm near DeSoto for eight years, without masculine help—and they've made it pay too." So runs

the sub-head of a full page article with pictures in the *St Louis Globe democrat* for April 10, 1927.

Ann Fisher is an alumna of Alpha Iota chapter, a graduate of the University of Washington in St Louis, in which city she grew up and lived most of her life, so at least one of these farmers is city bred. It was at Cornell university, where both were doing extension work during the war, that Miss Fisher and Miss Peck met and formed the friendship and partnership that runs this farm.

Extracts from the *Globe democrat* article:

Girls, you really don't have to go away out to Hollywood to get into the movies. Just take a cue from Miss Ann Fisher and Miss Alice Peck. Both of them have been in moving pictures along with "Beautiful," their first love in the line of Jersey cows. They got themselves and Beautiful on the screen by their own merit as Missouri farmers. The Pathé concern featured them as a news picture several years ago. Beautiful, alas! has passed out of the original of the picture, but Miss Peck and Miss Fisher remain on the dear old farm, where for eight years they have handled a dairy herd of pure-bred Jerseys and operated a fifty-acre place almost wholly without male help.

These erudite ladies are not play-farmers. They are learned in the science of agriculture, with a special qualification for dairy farming. They don't go on hearsay, never rely on Neighbor Hodge's advice, always depend upon their own knowledge and the wisdom gained from actual experience in their line. They are business farmers, although it may be more nearly accurate to say that they are dairying now instead of doing general farming.

Their own labor has conquered the protesting acres of Cedar Brow farm, which is out on the Richwoods road a couple of miles from the business part of De Soto, in Jefferson county.

They live alone in a huge house, from which one may look in any direction and enjoy Ozark scenery of truly picturesque appeal. Not altogether alone, at that; for there are "Misty" and "Moisty" and two other cats.

"Elijah" is the name of the flivver that is of so much use on Cedar Brow farm. The farm is electrified. Electricity runs the separator and other machinery, lights the house and stables. The plant is private, having been installed by these farm women out of profits from the farm.

Miss Peck is the official dairying half of the firm. Miss Fisher specializes in domestic economy. For several seasons the

jams and jellies she produced in a special kitchen were sold generally, being labeled "Cedar Brow farm—From orchard to jar." There is an apple orchard of 600 trees, including the Stark delicious and the Winesap. Strawberries are grown abundantly, being highly profitable. There is a virgin forest of eighteen acres, from which firewood is cut when needed. Recently the operators of the farm built a small house in which "the help" lives. The help is a sturdy woman.

Miss Fisher owns the farm, which was named by her father, the late Samuel B. Fisher, who for years was chief engineer for the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad.

These two vigorous women are upstanding examples of the beneficent influence of fresh air and useful employment which gives exercise to both body and brain. Frequently they serve their meals on the porch or the lawn. Most of the time they sleep outdoors; that is to say, on a porch. They have the choice of several commodious bedrooms but prefer the open air. The dining-room of the Fisher-Peck establishment is a spacious chamber, big as the average bungalow. The living room is large, and there is a library or study provided plentifully with books. Glancing at the filled cases, Miss Peck remarked:

"We have the kind of books here that intelligent persons like to read."

There is also an unusually big radio cabinet, properly furnished with the mysterious mechanism which brings to this Ozark farm home the best of music—along with more than enough of the worst if not shut off in time.

"Do we ever get lonesome? We don't have time," said Miss Peck. "Why should anybody be lonely, with books and music at hand, to open or turn on at will, and with all this scenic splendor around? From the brow of this hill, where our house stands, we can look down on the world all around."

LAURA LOU BROOKMAN, *Alpha Rho*

The heart bandit, part two of a six-part serial novel, where-in Dorothy becomes an artist's model—my eye, caught by something familiar about this throbbing title in the *St Paul Pioneer press*, wandered to the opposite page where I read: "by Laura Lou Brookman."

That was it! Of course. Now it was that I remembered. Her mother had mentioned to me that Laura Lou's novel had been accepted by the Thompson syndicate, to be run serially in a string of newspapers, and she had also said, "*The heart bandit*

is what she's calling it!" And here it was spread out before me.

Yes, it was unusually thrilling, here in Vermilion, South Dakota, the home town of Laura Lou's own chapter, Alpha Rho, to pick up a Sunday paper and find her name bannered across the page.

Laura Lou Brookman is a name that is often heard in newspaper circles. In Vermilion, where in her sophomore year at the university she edited the college paper, and in her junior year was the first (and so far the only) woman editor of the year-book, she has long been the inspiration of aspiring young newspaper women, while in Columbia, Missouri, where she later took her two degrees, AB and BJ, and where she worked on the *Columbia Daily Tribune* and put out two year-books for Christian college, she is often called back to urge students to stick to a journalistic career. It was only last spring that she went down to Columbia to a convention of Theta Sigma Phi, where she addressed the members of this women's journalistic fraternity on matters of vital concern to them: and it was last spring, too, I believe—or maybe it was this fall—that I found the leading article in *Matrix*, official publication for Theta Sigma Phi, written by Laura Lou and titled: *Women as Sunday editors*. For Laura Lou is a novelist only "on the side." Her chief reason for going to bed at night and getting up of mornings is her work on the *Des Moines Register*, of which she is the Sunday editor.

A friend once said to her, "Oh, yes, you have a religious position now—Sunday editor." And Laura Lou says that this is about all most people know about her job. She adds that it is not confined to Sunday, unfortunately, but continues all week.

In describing her work as Sunday editor for the benefit of *Matrix* readers, Laura Lou says that it offers an ideal field for women in journalism, since the papers are rapidly becoming cognizant of the fact that they must offer a much greater appeal to women readers than they have heretofore done. She says that her paper is usually made-up two weeks before it appears on the newsstands.

Her work consists, specifically, of getting out a six-page photogravure section, for which she selects all the pictures, and groups them on the pages, as well. The rest of her magazine section consists of ten pages of timely features, women's pages, serials, and unusual and original contests, for circulation building.

She says of contests, "Inventing, adapting, borrowing or beggining new contest ideas is a most important part of Sunday department work. Nothing is more fascinating than to work up a contest and watch the development of interest. The public is fickle as well as whimsical in regard to newspaper reading."

In the fall of 1926 the *Register* held a twin-matching contest, and Laura Lou was swamped with 18,000 answers. One other time she wrote a mystery serial, which ran in nine issues. It was then stopped and a guessing contest was inaugurated to discover who the real villain was.

Besides this regular work, Laura Lou contributes the Susan Gardner column to the *Register*, which gives suggestions for seasonal parties. Many other articles find their way into the magazine section under other names, when in reality they are the Sunday editor's work.

For the *Register* and *Tribune* syndicate, an agency for distributing features to some eighteen newspapers in the mid-west, Miss Brookman contributes a clever, illustrated feature called, *Parking with Peggy*. A Des Moines artist draws the pictures of Peggy and her pals and Laura Lou caps them with such sparkling lines as "If it's true that money makes the world go 'round, most of us wouldn't mind being just a little dizzy."

It is appalling to think of all the work Laura Lou does outside of her regular job. As a member of Theta Sigma Phi, she is chairman of the general publicity committee and a very active worker. Her syndicate work alone is enough to keep her busy out of work hours, for authors do say that novels aren't dashed off in a moment's relaxation. Nevertheless she always finds time to encourage others and to tell of her own trials and errors.

On one occassion, she says, when she was a cub reporter and being tested, she was sent to the Iowa state penitentiary to send in the account of a hanging. She interviewed the prisoner, who, she declares, was not half as nervous as she; but she was spared the ordeal of actually seeing the death of the condemned man. Of course the assignment was not work for a girl, but it was made by the managing editor in a spirit of banter and was accepted with her usual pluckiness.

Another experience during her apprenticeship as a reporter on the *Des Moines register*, was the story she got by climbing into an ice house, and it wasn't her fault that the elevator broke down and left her "high and cold."

Soon after she went to the *Register* as reporter, she was made assistant to the Sunday editor, where she learned the intricacies

of the work which she was later to assume. Then an interval of eight months was spent in a different sort of work. She took a position as the finance campaign chairman of the national Y.W.C.A. working in New York city, Chicago, and elsewhere. At the end of this period she returned to Des Moines as a reporter on the *Evening Tribune*. A few months later she was given the position of Sunday editor of the *Register*, which she still holds.

SUE MOODY WHITE, *Kappa*

WORK FOR GIRLS IN MOVIES

Interview with Janise Renthler, *Alpha Mu*

Girls who are longing to pack up their trunks and start for the studios of Hollywood, with the hope of a spectacular job of acting "in the movies" may not care much about hearing it, but there are thousands of good, substantial jobs opening up for women in the motion-picture industry right in their own home towns, or in near-by cities, if the towns are merely a blot on the map. So says Janise Renthler, graduate of the School of journalism of the University of Missouri, who has charge of a new department created by Skouras brothers for their movie houses in St Louis.

According to Miss Renthler 83 per cent of the patrons of the movie houses are women, which has caused the powers that be in the local theater field to believe that a woman should be put in the position of creating interest among other women in the pictures. Now Miss Renthler has the job and she goes to women's clubs and other organizations of that sort and talks up the shows which are on view when the pictures have some special appeal to the 83 per cent.

This is called "public relations" work. Few women, as yet, have gone in for it, but some of them have created interesting, lucrative, and constructive work in this field. Every owner of a large theater, or chain of theaters, is potentially in the market for a woman to do this sort of work, especially if the theater caters to a "neighborhood crowd."

"They can get the experience as they go along," says Miss Renthler. "They will have to do it anyway—for the work in every individual theater field would be different. Also because there are few women at present in this work, few precedents have been laid down.

"The motion-picture theater needs a direct point of contact with the important element of the community in which it oper-

ates," she said. "One of the greatest problems that confronts the exhibitor is that of bringing into his house the people who will be especially interested in the picture he is showing. The theater manager who does this increases the patronage of his house and the good-will of his patrons.

"The two biggest public relations jobs in the country have been created by and are held by women—one in Washington and one in California. These women, working from the theater out to the public, bringing church people into the theater to see pictures of a religious or moral nature, notifying the schools when a program has special educational value, telling mothers what pictures are especially fine for children and warning them against one made for the adult audiences, are valuable employees of the theater, rendering a service to their community, and—which is not to be overlooked—making a comfortable living.

"They run Saturday morning matinees for children and act as consultants, bureau of information and publicity agents of a specialized type. The work calls for initiative, originality and energy."

Miss Rentchler, in her own work, has had an opportunity to watch closely the growing interest of schools in motion pictures used for classrooms and in school auditoriums. In it she sees a great future for women who want to go wisely about the building up of useful "jobs" for themselves.

"The use of motion pictures in the classroom is coming and coming very rapidly," said Miss Rentchler. "The school systems that are using pictures most successfully have visual instruction departments with a person in charge giving all his or her time to the selection of visual aids, to correlating them with subjects taught, and to the mechanics of routing and showing them in the schools. The use of visual aids to teaching is still new enough to be somewhat experimental and, therefore, elastic. In this field, as in that of public relations, women can find work in their own towns—work that demands initiative and creative ability—pioneer activity in work that in the next few years will be enormously important.

St Louis Post-dispatch, May 1, 1927

ANNA BOTSFORD COMSTOCK CAMP

So is named the Girl scouts camp of Ithaca, New York. A camp, some five miles down Cayuga lake, where all summer, for many summers it is hoped, many girls may enjoy an outing of from one day to three weeks.

In the fall of 1926, Mr and Mrs E. T. Paine gave to the city's Scout council a beautiful plot of land at Crowbar point. At the Mother-daughter banquet of the Girl scouts in November, 1926, plans for the camp and club house were announced, and decision made to call the camp the Anna Botsford Comstock camp.

Why this name? Because Mrs Comstock was not only a friend and supporter of this work for girls, but also because she is Ithaca's most distinguished woman citizen, and because she is the mother of the whole nature study movement in America, if not in the world. An interest in birds, flowers, trees, and all out doors has become so much a part of the education of children today that few of us realize that it has not always been thus. But Mrs Comstock knows that no such training was possible, let alone customary, in her youth. She is the pioneer, from assistant to final honors as full professor at Cornell university, who is the leader that made a real science and an interesting constructively valuable educational feature of nature study.

Still, as youth is not keen to honor just distinction, this camp would not have borne Mrs Comstock's name if she were not much more than a distinguished educator. It is her gracious personality, her kindly humor, her delightful social gifts, her friendship for every one, her interest in everything as young and fresh as the awakening interest of the youngest scout, that endears her to every one and made the naming of the camp for her the obvious and the universally desired honor.

To few fraternity chapters comes the rare privilege of having for years one of the sanest alumna right at hand, always ready to help, advise, and encourage the undergraduate members. This good fortune has been Iota's, for in all her crowded days Mrs Comstock has kept a time and place for her "Younger Sisters," as she loves to refer to the college Thetas. Living in Ithaca since she became a Theta, before the pioneering days were over for Iota, she has kept in close touch with the chapter and has kept her interests so young and fresh that she understands and wisely counsels each succeeding generation of undergraduate Thetas. No Iota initiation, or its following banquet, is complete without Mrs Comstock's participation, as giver of the fine speech she wrote for the initiation service, as the final speaker on the toast program.

When the Anna Botsford Comstock camp became a reality, Iota members sought an opportunity to make a distinct contri-

bution to the camp that would honor its most beloved as well as most distinguished member. Plans were discussed, letters went to all Iota members scattered over the world, money came back with enthusiastic notes of appreciation. Plans became reality. At the Girl scout rally in June 1927, Iota of Kappa Alpha Theta presented to the camp a generous stone fireplace in honor of Mrs Comstock. Carved upon the fireplace the dedication reads:

“This fire place erected
in honor of
Anna Botsford Comstock
by
Iota of Kappa Alpha Theta 1927
Nature and time and I are one”

The camp was ready and dedicated on July 17. Mrs Comstock was present and lighted the first official fire in the great fireplace. The flame caught instantly and the fire blazed up and burned steadily while Mrs Comstock gazing at the flames with eyes that seemed to penetrate the future, stated simply that her memory had turned back to a day last autumn when the subject of the camp had been broached and someone said it was a dream, but some one else declared that dreams come true.

Mrs Comstock continued: “This camp seems like fairy land, as though it might have been built by Alladin with his lamp, or have been brought about by a fairy wand. It is one of the happiest of the happy things that have come to me, to think that this camp has been named for me. I could think of no monument that would ever be equal to this fireplace, and I know that long after I am gone the Girl scouts will sit around the fire, singing, and I will live on with them. I have one other deep interest in this spot, to know so many living things are right outside the doors. I hope that you girls will enjoy every plant, every insect, every animal. I can’t imagine girls living here and not wanting to get acquainted with their living neighbors—except poison ivy. May warmth from the fires on this hearth reach the scouts for many years whenever warmth is needed, and may it warm their hearts to the needs of others.”

Another pleasant surprise of the camp dedication was the awarding of the first three camp pins to the three women who had done most to make the dream of a camp come true, Mrs Paine, Mrs Durand, and Mrs Comstock. This pin had been designed by Mrs Comstock, with no thought that she should ever

have one, let alone the first one. The pin is a willow leaf, representing Crowbar, surmounted by a bronze butterfly, a species which is plentiful on the point.

Cornelia Parker Suggests Vertical Travel to Young Journalists

"Don't try to get into print before you cut your teeth—you undergraduates think that you have to publish your first novel before you graduate or you are a complete failure—live first—know life—".

This from a vivacious woman whose slim figure, graying hair, and dark, eager eyes were smartly set off by a chic black coat and hat; this from the illusive, if fascinating, author-lecture-person with whom I had been playing a spirited catch-me-if-you-can game during her visit to California; this from Cornelia Stratton Parker, whom I finally caught in the act of flying, that is, flying into the alumni rooms of Stephens union on the University of California campus and flying out again to a luncheon in her honor at the Faculty club.

"You ambitious young undergraduate journalists want to burst into print, you think you know all about life, but you only know the campus. College is only one phase of education. Travel is the greatest educator.

"Incidentally, there are many ways to travel," Mrs Parker hurried to add, "travel abroad, as in Europe, and vertical travel, as in America. By vertical travel, I mean contact with life. Everyone may travel vertically and everyone should, especially aspiring young journalists. Make every possible contact with life—in the foundry, the laundry, the factory, the workshop. If opportunity doesn't present itself to you hunt out opportunity. The classified ads in the daily newspapers are your best friends. Forget you are a college graduate, and work with the worker, with all classes of people.

"You know," she confided with such enthusiasm and earnestness that there was no mistaking where her real interest still lies, "the most valuable experience to me in the last nine years has been that of working in a factory." It will be remembered that her experience was later embodied in a series of articles entitled *Working with the working-woman*.

"But some of you impetuous youths are so anxious to get in the writing game that the classified ads seem a roundabout way," the humorous twinkle in her eyes belied that she was other than an impetuous youth herself—grown experienced, "for you, well,

if you must, the newspaper for you. Only remember," laughingly, "learn life even there. Start at the bottom—get on a small newspaper, and you know the rest," again an irresistible smile, "make contacts with life."

"Where shall you start? New York? No, not until you 'know your journalism'; that is, unless you take along enough money to keep you from starving. Europe? Well, don't go there expecting to earn a living and don't join the flocks at Geneva waiting for a 'job' with the League of Nations. Where then? Oh, almost anywhere but your home town. Get away from narrow provincialism and that means get away from your home and narrow circle. In other words go away from home." At this startling advice she laughed, "I would push my own daughter out into the world.

"As for me? If I had it to do over again I'd —— No, I'd do just as I did." Thus was lost to posterity and to an eager young Theta Sigma Phi interviewer the interesting things Cornelia Stratton Parker might have done to an already interesting "It" (meaning in this case, life) if, well, if she hadn't asserted her woman's rights by suddenly and quite breathlessly deciding 'I'd do just as I did.'

"Breathless" seems to describe the life of Mrs Parker from her freshman college days in Berkeley, California, to her present writing days in Cambridge, Massachusetts. For, it was while a freshman that she met and fell in love with Carleton Parker, a senior, who returned to put an M.R.S. degree before her name as soon as her *Alma mater* had affixed an A.B. thereto. Then followed several happy years in Europe which she later (1924) imprisoned in print in *Ports and happy places*.

Returning to the Pacific Coast, Mr Parker became a member of the faculty at University of Washington and was widely known as a labor arbitrator and writer on labor problems. These were the years when Mrs Parker became so thoroughly wrapped up in her husband's work—and, incidentally, the years, as intimate friends will tell you, that "those Parker boys" (there are two of them) grew up—on and off the university campus, wearing nothing—but bathing suits!

After Mr Parker's death, Mrs Parker carried on her husband's investigation of the workingman's problems. Meanwhile she published in 1919 *An American idyll*, a semi-biographic novel picturing, as the title suggests, a charming American romance in which the Parkers were the central figures. So delightful was

this idyll that it won instant success and established Mrs Parker as an author.

Nor have the years since the publication of *An American idyll* been any less "breathless" than those preceding. In 1922 her *Working with the working-woman* was published; in 1924, *Ports and happy places*, and *Jenny the joyous*; in 1926, *More ports and happy places* and the *Daughter of Pan*.

Meanwhile she was off to Europe with her three children to renew old acquaintances with "happy places," to educate James, Carleton, and Alice Lee, to study conditions in Europe—no small task for any woman, but less of one for this ambitious, vivacious woman who single-handed meant to get the best out of life.

No wonder if she had it to do over again she'd do—just the same, thought I as she dashed to her luncheon engagement. And I set forth to make a contact with life by eating with the eaters at the college lunch counter where I absent-mindedly consumed "coffee an'" and dreamed of writing the Great American Novel before I graduated.

EVA PRATT HOOPER in *The Matrix*, Aug. 1927

Greencastle and DePauw university were greatly delighted with a recent lecture by Cornelia Stratton Parker, who lectured on *The modern woman*. To Thetas who do not know her we say, "Invite her to lecture for you." She is all that a Theta should be, as you may know from her charming book, *An American idyll*, and her sketches of women in industry. Her "high, merry heart," her courage, her ambition, her keen mind, quick wit, rich vibrant voice, her totality of character and charm were a delight to her friends here—so much so that we wish all Thetas might know this Theta. She says that it's hard work to have a career. We who know her story believe her; but oh!—the keen delight of such achievement as hers. The finest clay stands the fire best.

[Cornelia Stratton became a member of Omega of Kappa Alpha Theta soon after entering the University of California in the fall of 1903. She is the sister-in-law of Helen Parker Finch, honored in this issue by Pasadena alumnae. Omega's chapter house (*inecognito*) figures in *An American idyll*'s opening chapters.]

EUROPEAN TOURS

Mrs Eleanor Daggett Karsten, Beta, is the originator of and personal conductor of European motor parties. Her summer of

1927 party was limited to nine members and traveled in private limousines (the same cars for the entire trip) through Italy, Switzerland, France, Spain, England, and Scotland. Mrs Karsten is a Theta whose story is so interesting that the following brief notes are quoted from a sketch of herself and her activities.

"Eleanor Daggett Karsten is one of those rare personages whose presence is always a charm, an inspiration, and a satisfaction—whose personality grows on one with acquaintance, making her friendship more and more a precious possession, her companionship more and more a treasured privilege.

"At first you will be struck by her youth and energy—so that you will be surprised to learn that she is proudly a grandmother. From a long line of sturdy and famous New England pioneer ancestors (back to her great-great-grandfather Daggett, who was president of Yale university during the Revolutionary war) she inherits this infectious health and well-being.

"Life, which has been rich and eventful and full to the brim for her, has endowed her with fine qualities of friendship and ability. At college (University of Indiana, where she became a Theta) in her freshman year, she married one of her teachers, who was destined to become a most eminent professor. For almost twenty years she lived in university circles, with the grace, charm, and rich intellectual life of those whose pursuits are wholly academic.

"At thirty-five she was left, by her husband's sudden death, with but limited means, and two sons to educate. From this point even the sketchiest account of her life reads like a modern fairy tale of achievement and success. She returned to college, entering the University of Chicago. Here in her first term, she obtained the highest grades of any woman in her class-work and won a scholarship for the following term, continuing to win the scholarship every successive term in college. In two years, she covered the entire four-year course with the AB degree. Membership in Phi Beta Kappa was given her in her second year, in the shortest time in the history of the university. At the same time, she won the championship in fencing, then a leading woman's sport. All this at thirty-five years of age, in competition with six thousand of the best students in the country.

"Followed a year's course of study in the best secretarial school for women, and for ten years a succession of responsible business positions, every one of which she left voluntarily to assume greater work. First in New York with the government,

then back to college with a library, back to New York with the leading bank, and back again to college with a position at Bryn Mawr college for women.

"Her ambition centered on working with that greatest of American women in public life, Miss Jane Addams. In 1916 she became secretary to Miss Addams, and for the next four years was active at Hull house and "right-hand man" to Miss Addams in all her undertakings here and abroad. In 1920 she left Miss Addams temporarily and with mutual reluctance, to satisfy a long-cherished desire to travel, particularly in Europe. After a year abroad, she first assisted Laura Dainty Pelham, of Hull house, in her remarkable European parties, and then, on Mrs Pelham's death, took over and improved the parties, calling them, at Miss Addams's suggestion, Pelham tours."

In a letter to a friend Miss Addams wrote of Mrs Karsten—"She lived at Hull house several years and impressed us all with her general ability and unending kindness."

After four years with the Pelham tours, Mrs Karsten organized her personal automobile tours, now in their third year. Her home is at 1066 Whitney avenue, New Haven, Connecticut.

Two other members of Kappa Alpha Theta have been interested directly in conducting parties to Europe the past summer.

Mrs Grace Philputt Young, formerly president of District I, now a professor of Romance languages at Indiana university, conducted a tour through Italy, Switzerland, France, and England under the business management of the Temple tours.

Mrs Jennie Jones Brownell of Chi is actively interested in the Brownell tours, a system of tours now well-established under the management of her husband, Professor George C. Brownell of the University of Alabama. Last summer, over twenty tours in Europe were under their direction.

MRS KATE PIATT BOTTORFF

The story of the fine work of a Theta alumna, as well as some interesting sidelights on the establishment of Nu chapter, appeared in the June, 1927, issue of Beta Theta Pi's magazine, from which we quote with appreciative thanks.

Iota's House Mother

"A warm friend, a sympathetic helper and a wise counselor," is the tribute that every Iota Beta pays to Mrs Katie Piatt Bottorff, Beta house mother at Hanover. Mrs Bottorff is the mother of two Beta sons; but she has been a mother to countless

other Betas, and her influence over their lives will endure for years to come.

Mrs Bottorff was among the first women to be admitted to the college at Hanover when the institution became coeducational in 1880. She was also a charter member of the Hanover chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, founded in 1882, and her work and influence in this pioneer sorority is interestingly told in an old Hanover college annual as follows:

"Twenty-two years ago a very small girl in a torn pink frock and a cat in her arms, sat on the fence watching the students pass on their way home from college, and then and there decided that fraternities were 'nice'; and that when she grew up she would come back to Hanover and wear a jeweled pin herself. The years went by, until the doors of Hanover were opened to women. During the first year under this new régime no active effort was made to organize secret fraternities, but a few of the young men suggested, as the small girl had thought fourteen years before, that such an organization would be a pleasant feature of college life of the young women students. In her Kentucky home, Miss Katie Piatt watched the movements of the young women who first entered Hanover, and with anxious eye noted that a Greek-letter fraternity did not appear. So one day she rowed across the Ohio, sought a Phi Kappa Psi from Greencastle, and asked him to tell her which of the women's fraternities he considered the best, and he replied, 'Kappa Alpha Theta is the oldest, the largest and best'; and on this verdict hangs the whole story, for when the rains of abuse fell and the winds of adversity blew, no thought of being anything but Thetas ever entered the minds of the charter members. Then Miss Piatt, not yet a student, began a series of letters which seem pathetic now, so earnestly did she plead the fame of Hanover, and the worthiness of her students. The second year of coeducation dawned upon a very determined fraternity spirit among the girls, but the year was half gone before Kappa Alpha Theta was officially organized. There was opposition and rivalry, of course, but there was also kindness and courtesy. Beta Theta Pi and Phi Gamma Delta extended the hospitality of their halls to the new fraternity, and these kindnesses are remembered with pleasure. The close of the year 1882 found the chapter in a well-defined position of influence and usefulness in its own college, and with the reputation for energy and enthusiasm among other."

IN MEMORIAM

ELIZABETH FISHER LITZENBERG

July 29, 1874—April 15, 1927

Elizabeth Fisher Litzenberg was born in Minneapolis, July 29, 1874. She entered the University of Minnesota in 1894 and was initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta in her freshman year. From the moment that the kite was pinned above her heart she dedicated her services and love to the betterment of her fraternity!



During her years in the university, Elizabeth Fisher occupied a prominent place in that institution. She held several class offices and was elected editor of the *Gopher* (the university annual). The latter office was declined, however, because it involved a political complication. Before her graduation in 1898 she was chosen as the most popular girl on the Minnesota campus.

After graduation, Elizabeth occupied the position of principal of the high school at Mapleton, Minnesota, and later was an instructor in Latin and French in the high school at Stillwater, Minnesota.

In 1902 she married Dr Jennings C. Litzenberg. Dr Litzenberg is a member of Delta Upsilon, and at the present time is an eminent obstetrician in Minneapolis—holding the position of chief of the department of obstetrics and gynecology in the medical school at the University of Minnesota. Her son, Karl, is a member of Delta Upsilon and her daughter, Avis, a loyal member of Theta.

Elizabeth was an ardent worker in many fields. She gave generously of herself, with a forth-going spirit which enriched all she touched. She was a devoted member of the Baptist church, a member of the social service section of the Faculty women's club, a member of the Woman's club and the president of the Nineteenth century club. She was very actively interested in politics. Although urged to run for political offices, Elizabeth Litzenberg declined to do so, always holding fast to the idea that she was active in this line of work, solely to aid in the advancement of clean politics. It was her civic duty. One of her greatest joys in life was her music. She was a member of Sigma Alpha Iota and for many years was chairman of the student section of the Thursday musical club.

Primarily, Elizabeth Litzenberg was a devoted wife and mother—a true home-maker. She possessed a rarely beautiful character, one that shed its warm sunny rays upon the fortunate and the unfortunate alike. She was always genuine, there was never a pose. Her friends found her democratic, gentle, charitable, refreshing and imbued with the brave optimism of a radiant personality.

May we not dare to believe that one of her deepest loves was her fraternity? Have not her years of perfect devotion to Kappa Alpha Theta justified our belief? All of those sisters who have marched shoulder to shoulder with her throughout the years of anxiety and joy, all of those who have constantly received her sunny greetings and have basked in the golden light of her friendship, deserve our utmost sympathy—for theirs is a true loss. All of those sisters who, as actives in Upsilon chapter, have known her tenderness, her ready sympathy, her ever willing hands, likewise deserve our sincere compassion, for they are feeling the bitter sorrow of the loss of a beloved Big Sister.

Her spirit will ever live in the hearts of all of those who knew her, for such lives as hers are "like stars which simply pour down on us the calm of their bright and faithful being, up

to which we look and out of which we gather the deepest calm and courage."

Into my heart's treasury
I slipped a coin
That time cannot take
Nor thief purloin,
Or, better than the minting
Of a gold crowned king,
Is the safe kept memory
Of a lovely thing.—*Sara Teasdale*

MARGARET K. BANTA

Clara D. Campbell graduated from Allegheny in 1895 with Phi Beta Kappa honors. She died at her apartment in New York city, February 12. For several years Miss Campbell taught Romance languages in Redlands, California, and then at Simmons college, Boston. During and after the war she was with Miss Morgan's Committee for devastated France, spending six years in this service.

Mollie Pancake Conway (Mrs James C.) died in April, 1927. Mrs Conway was a member of the original Ohio Wesleyan chapter, known as "Ohio Gamma"—the predecessor of our present Gamma deuteron chapter.

Helen MacDonald Dougan (Mrs Roy E.) died in March at her home in Lakewood, Ohio, leaving, beside her husband, a one year old son. Helen graduated from Northwestern in 1916, where she was an active member of Tau. Since her marriage she has been identified with Cleveland alumnae.

News of the death of Gertrude Graydon, Sigma '12, in New York city during April 1926, was received in June.

Also, the death in April 1926, of Frences Keith White (Mrs Prentice) of Tau, was reported during the summer. Mrs White was a graduate of Northwestern with the class of 1921.

Miriam Wright, Alpha Chi, and her mother lost their lives as a result of burns in an apartment house fire last spring in Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida. Sympathy of all Thetas goes to the sister, Dorothy H. Wright, Gamma.

PERSONALS

Iota: Isadore G. Mudge, Iota, became associate professor in the School of library science at Columbia university this fall, having charge of the work in senior bibliography. Miss Mudge spent the summer in Europe, working on a new edition of her *Guide to reference books*, to be published this fall.

Beta Iota: Evelyn Marie Enz, Beta Iota, transferring to Radcliffe college in September 1926 as a junior, was elected in May 1927 as head of the *Radcliffe News*, college paper.

Gamma: Maurinne Watkins, Gamma, whose play, *Chicago*, was one of the stage successes of last winter, has dramatized Hopkins Adams' novel of the Harding administration, *Revelry*, which had its premiere in Philadelphia in September. She is the author too of *Alimony*, a short story in the July issue of *Hearst international magazine*.

Alpha: A much reviewed, generally praised Macmillan publication of 1927 that already has had its third printing is *The rise of American civilization* by Charles A. Beard and Mary R. Beard. Mary R. Beard, was before her marriage, Mary Ritter, initiate of Alpha, graduate of DePauw, 1897.

Members of Kappa Alpha Theta who are also members of Kappa Beta Pi legal sorority: Phyllis Shaw, Geraldine Smith, Frances Mayfield, Marjorie Watson, Lucille Stocke, Marguerite Zoff, Mildred Eley, Janet Gibson, and Elizabeth MacLennan.

WEDDINGS

Alpha: Frances Virginia Cosner and Robert Chester MacCloud, May 26. Address: 3849 Ridge av. S. St Petersburg, Fla.

Mildred Johnson and Russell Hess, Sept. 13.

Betty Scripps and George Davis.

Cornelia Allen and William Hester, B Θ II, Sept. 14.

Gamma: Margaret Lee Brown and Herbert Eugene Evans of Portland, Me.

Eta: Margaret Wikoff and Rowland S. Wilson, jr. Apr. 19. Address: 7739 Forbes st. Pittsburgh, Pa.

Iota: Kathryn Terrasse and Ralph W. Woodworth, in June. Address: c/o U. S. Coast and Geodetic survey, Washington, D.C. Mr and Mrs Woodworth spent the summer in Honolulu.

Helen Kinney and Louis A. Winkelman, Apr. 20. Address: 425 Ridge-wood rd. Maplewood, N.J. Mr Winkelman is a brother of Mrs Rita Winkelman McFee and Flora Winkelman Wilson of Alpha Delta chapter.

Mu: Faye E. Barnes and Robert L. Lowe, Apr. 2. Address: 915 Glengyle pl. Chicago, Ill.

Psi: Gertrude Bradley and Frederick Figie, July 2. Address: 868 Marietta av. Milwaukee, Wis.

Alpha Beta: Elizabeth Rulon Miller and Victor Ritschard, Aug. 20.

Alpha Lambda: Helen Pitcher and Lawrence DeCan, Apr. 21. Address: John Alden Apts. Seattle.

Elzey Skinner and Donald H. Brazier, Apr. 23. Address: Pendleton, Ore.

Betty Warner and Lieut. Com. Samuel Gunnell Moore, U.S.N. in May. For the year they are stationed at New Haven, Conn. on shore duty.

Henrietta Osterman and Lee Ketchum, Σ X.

Molly Gunnell and Harry Patrick, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, Aug. 31.

Alpha Mu: Sarah Elizabeth Johnson and Francis Paston Douglas.

Virgene Connell and LaVerre Decker, June 1.

Alpha Nu: Alice Lease and William A. Gonser, Aug. 27.

Beta Zeta: Lois Le Seuer and Bruce Hangar, Σ X.

Dorothy Hopkins and Arthur Aleott, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.

Mary Jarvis and Emmett McLain, Σ N.

Jessie Creilly and J. P. Jones.

Beta Kappa: Gwendolyn Bennison and John Maddox. Address: 974 Marguerta av. Alhambra, Calif.

Kathryn Moore and Dr Granville E. Eldridge. Address: Bentonville, Ark.

Maurine Bredimus and Jerry Harkness. Address: 4119 Troose Plaza, Kansas City, Mo.

Beta Nu: Claudia Louise Demeritt and Alvin R. Moore, July 25. Address: Tallahassee, Fla.

Beta Pi: Verlyn Moore and Linton A. Carter. Address: Windsor, N.C.

Margaret Foote and Carl Moore. Address: East Lansing, Mich.

BIRTHS

Iota: Born Sept. 18, a second daughter to Mr and Mrs G. H. Russell (Gretel Schenck).

Born to Mr and Mrs Walter Flummerfelt (Helen Loring) a daughter, Mary Jean.

Mu: A son, James Mills, to Mr and Mrs T. W. Thoburn (Annie Bishop), born Mar. 1.

Rho: Born to Mr and Mrs R. H. Olmstead (Edith Tyler) July 15, a daughter, Suzanne Tyler.

Psi: A daughter, Margaret Keen, to Mr and Mrs Lester L. Lessig (Katherine Keen), born Aug. 3. Address: 25 Willowbrook av. Lansdowne, Pa.

Alpha Iota: Born, Apr. 20, a daughter to Mr and Mrs Mark Neville (Lucy Taylor). The Nevilles live in New Brunswick, N.J.

Alpha Lambda: To Mr and Mrs Herbert Talbot (Helen Suthoff), was born a son, Apr. 11.

Born to Mr and Mrs George Adams (Catherine Guthrie) a son in April.

Born in July, a son, John Kennard, to Mr and Mrs Kennard Nottingham (Marjorie Cook).

Alpha Omicron: Born, July 1, to Mr and Mrs Richard Lee Huntington (Ruth Williams) a son, Richard Lee, junior. Address: Box 336, Whittemburg, Tex.

Beta Delta: Born, June 29, a son to Mr and Mrs Oliver Drachman (Alice West).

Beta Zeta: Born, a son to Mr and Mrs Roland Mason (Louise Cameron).

ALUMNÆ CHAPTER MEETINGS

Each alumnae chapter extends a cordial invitation to all Thetas to attend its meetings.

APPLETON ALUMNÆ, second Monday each month, 6 p. m. Call Mrs Stephen C. Rosebush, phone: 638.

BALTIMORE ALUMNÆ, third Tuesday each month, 8:15 p. m. Theta apt. Calvin and 23d st.

BOSTON ALUMNÆ, third Friday each month, afternoon and supper meetings alternating. Call Mrs Harold S. Bird, 43 Linnaean st. Cambridge, Porter 0348-W.

CHICAGO ALUMNÆ, third Saturday each month, noon. Luncheon 1 p. m. Marshall Fields Narcissus tea room. For reservation call Jessie Farr. Phone: University 4516.

CLEVELAND ALUMNÆ, second week of each month. Call Flora Horr, Cleveland Trust Co. Phone: Cherry 3300.

DENVER ALUMNÆ, first Wednesday each month. Call Mrs Richard Downing, 1033 Niagara st. Phone: Franklin 5168.

DES MOINES ALUMNÆ, luncheon, first Saturday each month. Call Mrs Carl G. Harris. Phone: Drake 4344 J.

EVANSTON ALUMNÆ, fourth Wednesday each month, 1 p. m. Call Mrs K. G. Merrill, 600 Sheridan Sq. Evanston. Phone: Greenleaf 1516.

INDIANAPOLIS ALUMNÆ, second Saturday each month, 2:30 p. m. Call Mrs F. N. Sinex, 3327 Broadway. Phone: Washington 1856.

KANSAS CITY ALUMNÆ, first Saturday each month, 1 p. m. Luncheon. Call Mrs A. S. Welch. Phone: Hyde Park 8336.

LOS ANGELES ALUMNÆ, for time and place call Mrs R. R. Robertson, 134 N. Ardmore av. Phone: Wa. 2208.

MILWAUKEE ALUMNÆ, third Saturday each month, 1 p. m. at homes of members. Call Mrs Frederick Figie, 868 Marietta av. Milwaukee.

NASHVILLE ALUMNÆ, second and fourth Tuesdays each month, supper at Theta house, 305 24th av. S. 6 p. m. with meeting following at 7:30 p. m.

NEW YORK ALUMNÆ, first Saturday each month. For time and place call Mrs Frank Fannon, 25 Woodruff av. Brooklyn, Buckminster 2178. Luncheon every Wednesday 12:30, Hotel Woodstock.

PHILADELPHIA ALUMNÆ, third Wednesday each month, 4 p. m. Phone: Helen D. Armor, Wyoming 4739 M.

PITTSBURGH ALUMNÆ, third Saturday each month, 2:30 p. m. Theta house, 409 Neville st.

SAN FRANCISCO ALUMNÆ, afternoons and evenings, alternately, third Monday of each month. Afternoon meetings homes of members. Evening meetings at Woman's City Club. Dinner together at club cafeteria before meeting.

SPOKANE ALUMNÆ, second Saturday each month, 12:45 p. m. at Culbertson's tea room.

SYRACUSE ALUMNÆ, for time and place of meetings call Mrs F. C. King, jr. 513 Summit av.

WASHINGTON ALUMNÆ, for details as to monthly meetings call Mrs R. L. Keiser, 3539 Quebec st. N. W.

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